



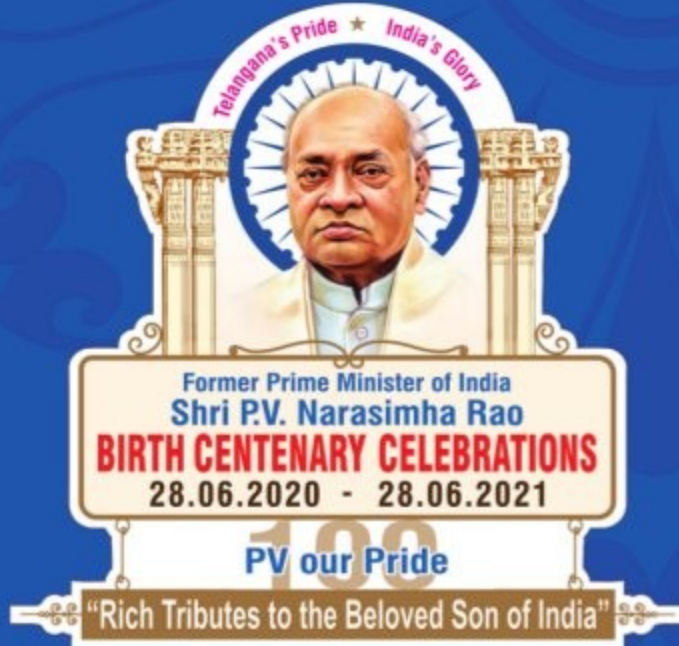
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TELANGANA'S JEWEL

- Telangana bidda PV Narasimha Rao, the ninth Prime Minister of the country, was a renowned politician, lawyer, prolific writer, polyglot, freedom fighter and a champion of Indian economic reforms
- The late leader was born on June 28, 1921 into an agrarian family in Vangara of erstwhile Karimnagar district



Telangana's Son.. India's Pride

Birth Centenary Celebrations of Shri P.V. Narasimha Rao

Former Prime Minister of India



Under the leadership of Honourable Chief Minister

Shri K Chandrashekhar Rao

Telangana State Government Celebrates

the Birth Centenary Celebrations

28.6.2020 to 28.6.2021

Year long Programmes and activities acknowledging the contributions of

Shri P. V. Narasimha Rao



Shri K. Chandrashekhar Rao
Chief Minister of Telangana

Inaugural Programme

Date : 28-06-2020 (Sunday) Time : 10.30 am

Venue : P.V. Gnana Bhoomi, Necklace Road, Hyderabad.

Grand Tribute to India's Beloved Son

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE No: SA / E / 6 / 2020-21 / W

Dated 26.06.2020

Divisional Railway Manager/Electrical/Salem Division, Salem - 5 for and on behalf of the President of India Invites E-Tender for the under mentioned work. Online bids only will be accepted. For detailed NIT, qualification criteria, bidding document, tender submission etc. can be viewed/downloaded from website portal www.irps.gov.in. The Cost of Tender and EMD shall be made in online gateway Payment only.

Name of Work	Details
1) SA/E/6/2020-21/W1: SA Division: Provision of Smart Meters in the Railway Quarters replacing the conventional Analog energy meters at Salem Railway Colony-500 Nos.	Approx. cost - Rs. 23,10,870/- EMD - Rs. 57,100/- Tender Cost - Rs. 3,360/- Completion Period - 6 Months
2) SA/E/6/2020-21/W2: Salem Division: Annual Maintenance Contract for DG sets of various capacities available in various locations over Salem Division for Three Years.	Approx. cost - Rs. 23,10,870/- EMD - Rs. 46,200/- Tender Cost - Rs. 3,360/- Completion Period - Three Years

Closing Time & Date: 15.00 hrs. on 31.07.2020

All Addendum/Corrigendum, Time extension, Clarifications, etc. will be uploaded in the website only and will not be published separately in Newspapers. Bidders should regularly visit website to keep themselves updated.

Divisional Railway Manager (Electrical) / Salem.

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NOTICE FOR RESCHEDULING OF BOARD MEETING

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Regulation 47 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations 2015, a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company has been rescheduled and will now be held on **Thursday, July 30, 2020** inter alia, to consider and approve the Audited Financial Results of the Company for the year ended on 31st March, 2020. This information is also available on the Company's website: www.maharashtraapex.com and also on the website of BSE Ltd., www.bseindia.com and NSE Ltd., www.nseindia.com

By Order of the Board for MAHA RASHTRA APEX CORPORATION LTD.,
Sd/- (J M PANDAY)
COMPANY SECRETARY

Place: Mumbai
Date: 25.06.2020

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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No: MYS-COMML-2020-SLR-16315 Dated: 25.06.2020.

The undersigned on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tender for Leasing of 3.9 tonne parcel space of one Brake Van (SLR) of Train No. 16315 Mysuru-Kochuveli Express originating from Mysuru Division.

Last date of submission of bids: **Up to 16:00 hrs of 27.07.2020**
For details log on to: www.irps.gov.in
Senior Divisional Commercial Manager Mysuru
PUB/84/IAS/PRB/SWR/2020-21

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MYTHREY JAYARAMAN, R/o No. 42303, Tower 4, NIKKO Homes 1 Bhartiya City, Off Thanisandra Main Road, Bangalore-64 do hereby declare that I have changed my daughter's name from **NIKITAA PARVATHAM SHIVARAM** to **NIKITAA PARVATHAM**, henceforth she shall be known and called as **NIKITAA PARVATHAM** only for all practical purposes, vide affidavit dated 24.6.2020, sworn before Advocate and Notary T.T. CHANDRA SHEKARA REDDY at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SURESH R C
S/o Chikkahanumanthaia
resident No. B.20, near
Sambaram College, Vishwanagar,
Chikkabettahalli, Vidyanarayapura
Post, Bengaluru-560097,
have changed my name from
SURESHA TO SURESH R C
vide affidavit dated 25.06.2020
sworn before Notary
D. Sarala Kumari Bangalore-64.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Mrs. Chandini Iyer, wife of late Mr. Shivaram Subraman Iyer having address at Tower Q, No. Q303, Pura Venezia, Mal, Sandeep Unnithan Road, Yeshwanthpur, New Town, Bangalore-64, the absolute owner of the property detailed below represents that she has misplaced the original Sale Deed dated 02.06.1988, Doc No. 126/1988-89 registered in the Office of the Sub Registrar, Bangalore North Taluk executed by The State Bank of Mysore Employees Housing Cooperative Society Ltd. and N.P. Narayana of the property. An online police complaint with respect to the same has been lodged on 25.06.2020 with Bangalore city police. Any person in possession of the original sale deed shall return the same or lodge their claims/objections with documentary evidences to the undersigned within ten days from the date of this publication. If there are no claims/objections the certified copies of the same shall be treated as original document for all intents and purposes.

DETAILS OF THE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Site bearing No.21 in SBN Private layout, Sy. Nos. 17 and 18, Hebbal, Bangalore measuring 2000 Sq.ft. & bounded on the

East By : 30 ft Road
West By : Site No.20
North By : 30 ft Road
South By : Site No.22

Thyagaraj N M, Advocate,
Opp Veterinary College, Ganganganagar,
Bangalore - 560024
Bangalore Date: 27th June 2020

UCO BANK

(A Govt. of India Undertaking)

PUBLIC NOTICE OF E-AUCTION SALE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

(In terms of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act 2002)

Whereas the Authorized Officer of the Bank has issued a Demand notice under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI ACT 2002 and thereafter in exercise of powers under Section 13(12) of SARFAESI ACT 2002 has taken possession of properties mortgaged to Bank under Section 13(4) of the SARFAESI ACT 2002. The undersigned in the capacity of Authorized Officer has decided for sale of the following properties to public by E-auction and invite bids from the intending purchasers for purchase of immovable properties mentioned hereunder on "AS IS WHERE IS" & "AS IS WHAT IS" basis.

Sl. No.	Name & Address of Borrower's / Guarantor.	a) Date of Demand Notice b) Amount due as per notice c) Date of Possession d) Present outstanding dues.	a) Date & Time for Inspection of Property b) Last Date & Time of submission of EMD & documents. c) Date & Time of E-Auction	a) Reserve Price b) EMD Amount c) Bid Increase Amount
1	Borrower: 1. Mr. Ganpat Lal, S/o Mr. Kalulal 2. Mrs. Lila G, W/o Mr. Ganpat Lal both residing at # E-129/4 Laggere Village, Rajagopal Nagar Main Road, Peenya 2nd Stage, Bangalore - 560091 Office Address:- M/S Laxmi Fashion, 10/3, Hegganahalli Cross, Near Mohan theatre bus stop, Bangalore - 560091, Karnataka. Mortgagor:- Mr. Ganpat Lal, S/o Mr. Kalulal	a) 28.11.2016 b) Rs.79,82,320.99 plus interest, expenses, charges etc., w.e.f 1.7.2016 c) 2.3.2017 d) Rs.82,248/- plus unapplied interest and costs charges etc.	a) 7.7.2020 Between 10.00 am. to 5.00 pm b) On or before 10.7.2020 before 4.30 pm c) 13.7.2020 between 11.00 am to 12.00 noon	a) Rs.64,00,000/- b) Rs.6,40,000/- c) Rs. 25,000/-

Description of Immovable Property SALE DEED NO- 4391 / 2014-15, dt.-19.01.2015. All the piece and parcel of the Immovable property bearing No.38, Assessment No.55, Khatha No.123, situated at Yeswanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, now comes under the jurisdiction of B.B.M.P, Bangalore, measuring East to West : 40' Feet, North to South : 30' Feet, in all measuring 1200 Sqft, and Bounded by :- East by :- Private Property, West by :- Road, North by :- Property No.37, belongs to Sri.D.Ramegowda South by :- Property No. 39, IN THE NAME OF : Mr.GANPAT LAL, S/o Mr.KALULAL.

2	Borrower: 1. Mr. Lakshmi Narayan C, S/o Chikkaramaiah 2. Mrs. Ramanjina N, W/o Mr. Lakshmi Narayan C # No.14, 1st Main Road, 2nd Cross, Munigurappa Layout, Amruthahalli, Bangalore - 560092 Office Address:- M/s On Furniture Centres, Proprietor :- Mr. Lakshmi Narayan C No.3077, 1st Main Road, Mallasandra, Bangalore - 560092 Mortgagor :- Sri.Lakshmi Narayana. C.	a) 23-08-2018 b) Rs.70,92,370/- plus interest, expenses, charges etc., w.e.f 1-05-2017 c) 19-11-2018 d) Rs.72,57,340/- Plus unapplied interest and costs charges etc.	a) 7.7.2020 Between 10.00 am. to 5.00 pm b) On or before 10.7.2020 before 4.30 pm c) 13.7.2020 between 11.00 am to 12.00 noon	a) Rs.70,00,000/- b) Rs.7,00,000/- c) Rs. 25,000/-
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Description of Immovable Property - TITLE DEED NO- 2076 /15-16, dt.-29.07-2015. All that piece and parcel of the Immovable Property bearing Site No.66, formed in Converted Old Survey No.69, Re.Sy No.69/2, duly converted from Agricultural to non-agricultural residential purpose, vide Conversion Order No.B.DIS.ALN.SR(N) 126/03-04, dt :- 29.12.2003, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Situated at Shettyhalli Village, Yeswanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, now comes under jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No.12, Bangalore, measuring East to West : 40' Feet and North to South : 30' Feet in all measuring 1200 Square Feet and bounded on :- East by :- Road, West by :- Property No.105, North by :- Property No.67, South by :- Property No.65. IN THE NAME OF : Sri.LAKSHMI NARAYANA. C.

3	Borrower: 1. Mr. Narasimha N, S/o Nagappa 2. Mrs. Ramanjinamma N, W/o Mr. Narasimha N No.1, 1st Floor, 7th Main 15th Cross, Subbaraju Layout, Lakksandra, Bangalore-560030 Office Address:- M/s. Nithya House Keeping Services Proprietor:- Mr. Narasimha N No.20, 1st Floor, Hosur Main Road, 9th Cross, Wilson Garden, Arekempahalli, Bangalore-560027 Mortgagor:- 1. Mr. Narasimha N, S/o Nagappa And 2. Mrs. Ramanjinamma N, W/o Mr. Narasimha N	a) 10-09-2018 b) Rs.42,68,129/- plus interest, expenses, charges etc., w.e.f 1-8-2017 c) 15-12-2018 d) Rs.44,37,542/- Plus unapplied interest and costs charges etc.	a) 7.7.2020 Between 10.00 am. to 5.00 pm b) On or before 10.7.2020 before 4.30 pm c) 13.7.2020 between 11.00 am to 12.00 noon	a) Rs.43,00,000/- b) Rs.4,30,000/- c) Rs. 25,000/-
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Description of Immovable Property - TITLE DEED NO- 4771/2017-18, DT:- 28.09-2017. Schedule- "A" Property (Description of the Entire Land Area) : All that piece and parcel of converted property / Sites Bearing Nos.195, 196, 223, 224, Bearing BBMP Khatha Sl. No.2561, Presently Property No.2047/4/31/32/1/35 /224/223/195/196, Situated at Padma Upadhyaya Layout, Nagadevanahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, formed in sy.Nos.31, 32/1 and 35, duly converted into non-agricultural land as per the Conversion certificate No.ALN.SR.2017/1970-71 of Nagadevanahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Dt.-31.12.1973, Measuring East to West 70' Feet, and North to South : 120' Feet, totally measuring 8400 Sqft, Presently coming under the limits of BBMP, Bangalore vide amalgamated Katha No.2561/2047/4/31, 32/1, 35/224, 223, 195 & 196 and bounded on :- East by :- Road, West by :- Road, North by :- Site No.197 & Site No.222, South by :- Site No.194 & Site No.225.

Schedule - "B" Property - 234 Sq.Ft. of Undivided share, right, title and interest in the Schedule "A" Property hereby conveyed by the Vendors to the Purchasers.
Schedule - "C" Property - Flat No.207 (First Floor), of the building known as "SAMTRUPTI ENCLAVE", constructed on the Schedule A Property, having a Super Built-up area measuring 1050 Square Feet, having RCC Roofing, Vitrified Tiles Floors, Sal Wood Doors & Aluminum Windows, and Separate Electricity connections, Common Water and Sanitation, including Common Area rights with One Covered Car Parking slot in the Split Floor and including all rights, privileges, appurtenances thereto and Bounded on East by :- Flat No.206, West by :- Road (Set Back), North by :- Set Back, South by :- Corridor.
In the Name of : 1. Mr.Narasimha N, S/o Nagappa and 2.Mrs.Ramanjinamma N, W/o Mr.Narasimha N

4	Borrower: 1. Mr.Vasanth Kumar S, S/o Mottappa Srinivas 2. Mrs. Rekha V, W/o Mr.Vasanth Kumar S both residing at # E157/A, Kammagondanahalli, Abbigere Main Road, Left Side, 16th Main, Bangalore-560015. Mortgagor :- Mrs.Rekha V	a) 16.7.2018 b) Rs.1,42,31,539/- plus interest, expenses, charges etc. w.e.f 1.4.2017 c) 11.10.2018 d) Rs.1,33,52,534/- plus unapplied interest and costs charges etc.	a) 7.7.2020 Between 10.00 am. to 5.00 pm b) On or before 10.7.2020 before 4.30 pm c) 13.7.2020 between 11.00 am to 12.00 noon	a) Rs.1,25,00,000/- b) Rs.12,50,000/- c) Rs.25,000/-
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Description of Immovable Property : TITLE DEED NO- 4839/14-15, DT :- 8.12.2014 : All that piece and parcel of immovable Property bearing No.22 comes under the jurisdiction of BBMP-Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike situated at Kammagondanahalli Village, Yeswanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk duly converted for residential purpose vide No. B.D.S/ALN 48 / 1937-38 dated 08.1.1937 and measuring East to West (29.0+34.6)/ 2 Feet and North to South 61 Feet in totally measuring 1936.75 Square Feet and bounded on :- East by :- Road, West by :- Site No.19, North by :- Site No.21, South by :- Road. IN THE NAME OF : Mrs.REKHA V

5	Borrower: 1. Mr. Srinath B S, S/o Suryanarayan 2. Mrs. Radha S, W/o Mr. Srinath B S No.70, 7th Main Road, 7th Block, BSK II Stage, Girinagar, Bangalore - 560085 Office Address:- M/s Krishna Associates (Cement & Steel Dealers) Proprietor :- Mr.Srinath B S # No.480 Hosakerahalli Main Road, B S K 3rd Stage, Bangalore - 560085, Mortgagor:- Mr. Srinath B S, S/o Suryanarayan	a) 6.12.2016 b) Rs.1,85,56,366.24 plus interest, expenses, charges etc., c) 1.4.2017 d) Rs.1,89,71,700/- Plus unapplied interest and costs charges etc.	a) 7.7.2020 Between 10.00 am. to 5.00 pm b) On or before 10.7.2020 before 4.30 pm c) 13.7.2020 between 11.00 am to 12.00 noon	a) Rs.1,90,00,000/- b) Rs.19,00,000/- c) Rs.25,000/-
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Description of Immovable Property : SALE DEED NO. 3415/2014-15, DT :- 05-09-2014. : All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Site No. 3087, (Old Site No.193 / 31), formed by Vishwabharathi House Building Co-Operative Society Ltd. Formed in Survey No. 16, 17, 18, 19 of Gerahalli Village and No. 101, 103/1, 103/2, 104/1, 104/2, 105 and 106 of Hosakerahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk Presently known as Vishwabharathi Housing Building Co-Operative Society Layout, 4th Stage, Girinagar, Bangalore - 560085, BBMP ward No.54, Bangalore measuring East to West 24' Feet and North to South (43.9+51.6)/2 Feet along with Marginal Land measuring East to West : (25.3+15)/2 Feet and North to South : 54' Feet, in all measuring 2234.10 Sqft and Bounded on the East by :- Marginal Land, West by :- Site No.3086, North by :- Road, South by :- Marginal Land, IN THE NAME OF: Mr.SRINATH B S, S/O SURYANARAYAN

6	Borrower: 1. Mrs. Ramamani M. V, W/o Mr. B. A. Narayana 2. Mr. B. A. Narayana, S/o Arasappa No.53/1, 4th Main Road, 2nd Cross, Kottigepalya, Bangalore-560091 Mortgagor:- Mrs. Ramamani M. V.	a) 16-07-2018 b) Rs.1,07,67,529/- plus interest, expenses, charges etc., w.e.f 01-02-2017 c) 11-10-2018 d) Rs.1,10,42,329/- plus unapplied interest and costs charges etc.	a) 7.7.2020 Between 10.00 am. to 5.00 pm b) On or before 10.7.2020 before 4.30 pm c) 13.7.2020 between 11.00 am to 12.00 noon	a) Rs.77,00,000/- b) Rs. 7,70,000/- c) Rs.25,000/-
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Description of Immovable Property - TITLE DEED NO- 3392/2015-16, DT :-13.10.2015 : All that piece and parcel of immovable Property bearing No.4, Assessment No.50, ANDRAHALI VILLAGE, Panchayath Khatha No.50/4, Situated at ANDRAHALI, Yeswanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore measuring East to West 30 Feet and North to South 40 Feet Total Measuring 1200 Sqft, and proposed construction of 1014.23 Square feet each in stilt ground, 1st and 2nd floors and 123.09 Square Feet in Head room, total constructed area being 4180.01 Square Feet and Bounded on :- East by :- Property Bearing No.05, West by :- Property Bearing No.03, North by :- Property Bearing No.15, South by :- Road. IN THE NAME OF : Mrs. RAMANI M.V.

TERMS & CONDITIONS: 1) The e-Auction is being held on "AS IS WHERE IS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS". 2) To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorized Officer, there is no encumbrance on the property and statutory dues (if any) are not known. However, the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of property/ies & to inspect & satisfy themselves. 3) Statutory dues/liabilities etc. due to the Government/ Local Body are not known and shall be borne by the successful bidder, if any. 4) In case of sole bidder, the bid amount quoted in his bid form must be improved by at least one bid incremental value, lest the sale shall be cancelled/ deferred. 5) Successful bidder shall bear the charges / fee payable for registration of the property as per law. 6) Sale will not be confirmed if the borrower tenders to the Bank contractual dues along with other expenses prior to the Authorized Officer issuing Sale Confirmation. Letter to the successful bidder. In such case the Bank shall refund without interest the entire amount remitted by the successful bidder. 7) The interested bidders who require assistance in creating Login ID & Password, uploading data, submitting Bid Documents, Training/ Demonstration, Terms & Conditions on Online Inter-se Bidding etc., may visit Website <https://www.msccommerce.com/auction/home/ibapi/index.jsp>. For any property related query may contact the Chief Manager, Jayanagar Branch, Mr. Bachan Kumar Singh, Mobile No-99450 49483, Email- jayana@ucobank.co.in. 8) The Bank has designated its Branch Office as facilitation centre to help the intending bidders/buyers. 9) The successful bidder has to bear the TDS of 1% if the property value exceeds 50 lacs. This Notice is also to be treated as 15 days Statutory sale notice to borrower and Guarantor Under Rule 9(1) Security Interest (Enforcement), Rules 2002. 10) Prospective buyers may visit Website <https://ibapi.in> for more details about the property.

Place: Bangalore
Date: 26.6.2020
Authorised Officer
UCO Bank

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that, my client has lost/misplaced the original registered Judgment & Decree dated 30-05-2017, passed in O.S.No. 1084/2016, by the Hon'ble II Adl. Senior Civil Judge, Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore, registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Varthur, vide Document No. VRTI-Part-V-00001-2017-18, stored in C.D.No. VRTD336, dated 15-06-2017. In this regard my client has also lodge the Police Complaint for the report before the Bangalore City Police, vide Lost Report bearing No. 081045/2020, dated 26.06.2020. In case any person's finds the aforesaid document kindly return it to the address mentioned below.

SANTHOSH KUMAR, G. Advocate,
No. 26/2, Sri. Krishna Building, Avenue Road, Bangalore - 560 002. Mobile: 9844407999

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that Smt. Mamatha Acharya, W/o Puttappa Acharya, aged about 37 years, R/o No.55 Katha No.2690, Kithiganur Village, Bedarahalli Hobli, Bangalore-36, has lost original sale deed registered: 10-09-2001 which is registered as document No. 6883/2001-02 Book-1, Volume No.2143 at pages 149-153 at the office of the Senior Sub-registrar, Krishnarajapura executed in favour of N.Anand and V.G.Kavitha and registered sale deed dated: 08/12/2004 which is registered as documents No.KRI-1-24601/2004-05 in book-1 stored in CD No.KRID94 Dt:19-12-2004 at the Office of the senior Sub-registrar, Krishnarajapura executed in favour of V.D.Chandra. If any person's found or come across the above said documents or if anybody is having possession of the said documents or if anybody has any claims over the above said property, kindly approach with documents/objection to my Office between 10 A.M. to 6 P.M within 15 days from the date of this publication.

M.C. MAHESH, Advocate
#167, M.Rajanna Building, 1st Main, 4th Cross, Opp. Road to Adesh Palm Meadows, Varthur Main road, Ramegowdanahalli, Bangalore-560065.
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TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following properties mortgaged to City Union Bank Limited will be sold in Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of the undermentioned security debts due to the Bank, together with further interest and other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors mentioned herein below:

PART - 1		
Name of the Borrowers: No.1) Mrs. C. Praveena, W/o. Mr. C. Ravindranath Reddy, No.86, 3rd Cross, 3rd Main, Annayappa Layout, Sarakki Village, JP Nagar 1st Phase, Bangalore, South Bangalore - 560 078. No.2) Mr. C. Ravindranath Reddy, S/o. Mr. Mallikarjuna Reddy, No.86, 3rd Cross, 3rd Main, Annayappa Layout, Sarakki Village, JP Nagar 1st Phase, Bangalore, South Bangalore-560078. Outstanding Liability Amount: Rs.69,45,519/- (Rupees Sixty Nine Lakh Forty Five Thousand Five Hundred and Ninety Nine) as on 12-02-2020 plus accrued interest to be charged from 13-02-2020 plus other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors.		
Description of the Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank	Reserve Price	Date & Time of Auction
(Properties Owned by Mrs. C. Praveena, W/o. Mr. C. Ravindranath Reddy) Schedule - A:- All that piece and parcel of land bearing converted Sy.No.138/3, situated at Site No.200/1, in New BBMP Katha 1002/1199/1003/882/2001, in Sy.No.138/3, situated at Saravabudhanagar, Bilekahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, measuring East - West - 120 ft. North to South - 80 ft., Totally measuring 9,600 Sq.ft. and Bounded on:- East by - 30 Feet Road, West by - Private Property, North by - 30 Feet Road, South by - 30 Feet Road. Schedule - B:- An undivided 312 Sq.ft. share in the land comprised in the Schedule - A Property. Schedule - C:- All that piece and parcel of the Flat bearing No.403 in the Fourth Floor, in the Residential Apartment known as Neha Legend, to be constructed on the Schedule - A Property, consisting of Living, Dining and Three Bed Room, having super built-up area of 1,450 Sq.ft., equipped with Flooring, Sanitary, Electricity Wiring and Other Facilities with Car Parking Space in the Split Floor.	₹ 65,00,000/- (Rupees Sixty Five Lakh Only)	07-08-2020 at 01.00 p.m.

PART - 2		
Name of the Borrowers: No.1) Mr. Pradyumna, S/o. Mr. S.D. Manjunatha, No.17, Akash Bhavan 2nd Stage, Nagarabavi, Near Vasani Eye Care, Malagala, Bangalore North, Bangalore - 560 072. Also at:- Mr. Pradyumna, S/o. Mr. S.D. Manjunatha, Hosamane, Saragodu Kundur, Mudigeri, Chikkamangalur, Karnataka - 577 132. Also at:- Mr. Pradyumna, S/o. Mr. S.D. Manjunatha, No.44, Vigneswarah Layout, Second Main Shettyhalli Village, Karnataka - 560 044. Also at:- Mr. Pradyumna, S/o. Mr. S.D. Manjunatha, Unibic Foods India Pvt. Ltd., No.1134, Shriram Nivas, Fifth Floor, 100 Feet Road, Second Stage, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560 038. Also at:- Mr. Pradyumna, S/o. Mr. S.D. Manjunatha, No.351, 15th Cross, Saraswathi Nagar, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560 040. Also at:- Mr. Pradyumna, S/o. Mr. S.D. Manjunatha, Flat No.07, 22nd Main Vijaya Oasis, Ground Floor, Itamaddu, BSK 3rd Stage, Bangalore - 560 061. No.2) Mr. S.D. Manjunatha, S/o. Mr. Doddagowda, No.17, Akash Bhavan 2nd Stage, Nagarabavi, Near Vasani Eye Care, Malagala, Bangalore North, Bangalore - 560 072. Outstanding Liability Amount: Rs.59,95,922/- (Rupees Fifty Nine Lakh Ninety Five Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty Two Only) as on 12-02-2020 plus accrued interest to be charged from 13-02-2020 plus other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors.		
Description of the Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank	Reserve Price	Date & Time of Auction
(Property Owned by Mr. Pradyumna, S/o. Mr. S.D. Manjunatha) Schedule - A:- All that piece and parcel of residentially converted land vide conversion order BDS.ALN.SR(S) 229/2003-04, dated: 29-10-2003 by Special Deputy Commissioner in Sy.No.116/1, situated at Singasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, within BBMP limits measuring 1,01,227 Sq.ft. and Bounded on the:- North by - Road, South by - Private Property, East by - Private Property, West by - Manipal County. Schedule - B:- An undivided share of 509 Sq.ft. comprised in Schedule - A Property. Schedule - C:- Flat bearing No. A-606 in Sixth Floor of the building Complex known as Malibu Enclave being constructed on the Schedule - A Property consisting of 2 Bed Rooms having super built-up area of 1,272 Sq.ft., with One Car Parking and Bounded on the:- North by - Flat No.603, South by - Corridor, East by - Driveway, West by - Staircase and OTS.	₹ 58,00,000/- (Rupees Fifty Eight Lakh Only)	07-08-2020 at 02.00 p.m.

PART - 3		
Name of the Borrowers: No.1) Mrs. C.A. Sowmya, W/o. Mr. C.P. Appaiah, No.197, 1st Floor, 2nd Cross Street, Near Saibaba Temple, Koramangala 7th Block, Bangalore South, Bangalore - 560 095. Also at:- Mrs. C.A. Sowmya, W/o. Mr. C.P. Appaiah, Flat No.104, 1st Floor, Neha Sadan, Sy.No.11, Ward No.192, Singasandra, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South - 560 068. No.2) Mrs. T.M. Saraswathy, W/o. Mr. T.M. Monnaiah, No.197, 1st Floor, 2nd Cross Street, Near Saibaba Temple, Koramangala 7th Block, Bangalore South, Bangalore - 560 095. Outstanding Liability Amount: Rs.54,07,590/- (Rupees Fifty Four Lakh Seven Thousand Five Hundred and Ninety Only) as on 12-02-2020 plus accrued interest to be charged from 13-02-2020 plus other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors.		
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(Property Owned by Mrs. C.A. Sowmya, W/o. Mr. C.P. Appaiah) Schedule - A:- All that piece and parcel of residentially converted vacant site bearing No.7, Old Katha No.193, present Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike New Municipal No.730/253/254/117, formed out of the Residentially converted Survey No.11, situated at Singasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, 192 Ward of BBMP, measuring East to West - 918 Feet. North to South - 103 Feet in all 9,455.4 Square Feet together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether under or above the surface and Bounded on the:- East by - Private Property, West by - 30 Feet Road, North by - Private Property, South by - Krishnappa's Property. Schedule - B:- Apartment bearing No.104 in First Floor in the building Neha Sadan to be constructed on Schedule - A Property measuring 1,250 Square Feet of super built-up area containing 2 Bed Rooms, Hall Dining and Kitchen, one covered car parking along with proportionate share in common area such as Passages, Lobbies, Staircase, Lift excluding Terrace, contained with the Residential Apartment known as Neha Sadan to be constructed on Schedule Property as per building Specification (Annexure - 1) Property is Bounded on its sides as under:- East - Corridor, West - 103 Flat, North - Open to Sky, South - Corridor. Schedule - C:- 227 Square Feet of undivided share of right, title and interest in land of the Schedule - A Property.	₹ 50,00,000/- (Rupees Fifty Lakh Only)	07-08-2020 at 03.00 p.m.

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The US-based global investment firm will invest \$490 million, or over Rs 3,700 crore, as part of the deal

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■ Carlyle has a history of investing in the healthcare sector. In May, Carlyle announced a majority stake investment in Indian animal healthcare firm Sequent Scientific
■ It has also made investments in Medanta Medcity Hospital and diagnostic chain Metropolis Healthcare, among others | P12

GROWTH PLANS TO GET A BOOST

■ The capital raise will accelerate Piramal Pharma's organic and inorganic growth plans, the companies said in a joint statement
■ The deal is expected to close this year, subject to customary closing conditions and regulatory approvals
■ Carlyle will have one representative on Pharma's board

\$2.775 bn

ENTERPRISE VALUE OF PIRAMAL PHARMA AS PER THE DEAL

Meet this week, outcome tied to China response on Depsang

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

ARMY division commanders of India and China are expected to meet in the coming week — after the Corps Commander-level talks on June 22 — but its outcome will depend on how China responds to India's demand to pull back from Depsang and Finger-4 in Eastern Ladakh.

"The progress of the talks will depend on Chinese disengagement from Depsang and Finger-4 where Chinese troops have been amassed in big numbers," a senior officer familiar with the developments said. After the June 22 talks, there has been one follow-up meeting between the two sides. While Indian forces are ready to withdraw, sources said, "there has been no response from China on withdrawing its forces from Depsang and Finger-4."

Depsang is the latest stand-off site. It is in addition to Patrolling Points 14 and 15 in Galwan Valley, the Hot Spring Sector and Finger-4 along the northern flank of Pangong Tso.

The forthcoming division commander meeting is meant to chalk out details of disengagement in the presence of the sector and local unit commanders of both sides. P9



Covid count past 5L, zooms by 1L in barely six days

Over 3 lakh new cases since the start of Unlock 1.0. Time taken to add one lakh fresh cases comes down sharply

KUMAR VIKRAM @ New Delhi

WITH the number of Covid-19 cases crossing the five lakh mark on Friday, an analysis of the number of days taken to cross every one lakh shows it is getting increasingly fewer. This is particularly true for the last couple of weeks during Unlock 1.0.

India took nearly 110 days to cross one lakh confirmed positive cases. But subsequently, the time taken has been short. It took just 15 days to reach two lakh cases, 10 days for three lakh, eight days for four lakh, and only six days to cross 5 lakh cases.

The confirmed Covid-19 cases have surged by over three lakh in the last 26 days of Unlock 1.0 that began on June 1. The total number of confirmed cases was 1.98 lakh on June 1 and it crossed the five lakh mark on June 26.

It was on January 30 when the country recorded the first confirmed Covid-19 case when a per-

son who had returned to Thiruvananthapuram from Kerala tested positive. The growth was very slow initially as, in a span of four days, two more people tested positive in Kerala.

It was on May 18 when India recorded one lakh confirmed cases, which means it took over three months (109 days). But, the infection began spreading fast and captured most parts of the country during the last couple of weeks.

Covid-19 cases crossed the two lakh mark on June 2, a day after the government announced Unlock 1.0 on June 1 with only a few restrictions. This was further relaxed on June 8 with the opening of malls, restaurants and places of worship in most parts.

Thereafter, the number of positive cases has galloped. The number of cases reached three lakh on June 12. It became four lakh on June 20 and crossed five lakh on June 26. P9

Sunday lockdown from next week, longer night curfew from tomorrow

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

@ Bengaluru

AFTER declaring that there will be no complete shutdown again in the state, the government has now decided to go in for full lockdown on Sundays starting July 5 till further notice.

Apart from this, the night curfew timings have been revised and will be in force between 8 pm and 5 am from Monday. At present, night curfew is between 9 pm and 5 am.

The decisions, based on the recommendations of the

expert committee, were taken at an emergency meeting chaired by Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa on Saturday. The lockdown will be imposed from next Sunday, but there will be no restriction on movement and sale of essential commodities. This apart, the government has decided to allow its employees to work only five days in a week starting July 10.

Only on Friday, the CM had held a meeting with Bengaluru MLAs, where Congress MLAs had demanded for a lockdown.

The government also de-



The SP Road in Bengaluru was sealed down on Saturday

cided to open more wholesale markets for sale of vegetables in Bengaluru as a few that are functioning now are

crowded. The CM directed BBMP Commissioner B H Anil Kumar to identify places and open more markets so as to reduce crowds. To lessen the burden on the commissioner, additional responsibilities will be given to zonal commissioners. The CM also directed Anil Kumar to ensure that private hospitals reserve 50 per cent of the beds for Covid-19 patients.

In order to help Covid-19 patients find hospitals and beds, a unique centralised software-based bed allocation system will be introduced. P7

100 BIG BRANDS PULL OUT, HIT FACEBOOK WHERE IT HURTS

SESA SEN @ New Delhi

GLOBAL beverage giant Coca-Cola will pause all paid advertising across social media globally for a minimum of 30 days, adding to a growing list of companies protesting against the mishandling of hate speech online.

"Starting on July 1, the Coca-Cola Company will pause paid advertising on all social media platforms globally for at least 30 days," a statement from CEO James Quincey said.

"There is no place for racism in the world and there is no place for racism on social media. We will take this time to reassess our advertising standards and policies to determine whether revisions are needed internally, and

what more we should expect of our social media partners to rid the platforms of hate, violence and inappropriate content. We will let them know we expect greater accountability, action and transparency from them," he added.

Over the last few weeks, a host of civil rights organisations like the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the Anti-Defamation League have been pushing companies to put their financial weight behind a Facebook boycott because the social media platform continues to allow hateful and harmful content on their sites.

Coca-Cola joins the like of Unilever, the company behind brands such as Dove and Lipton, which had earlier said, "...given the polarised atmosphere in the U.S., we have decided that starting now through at least the end of the year, we'll not run brand advertising in social media newsfeed platforms Facebook, Instagram and Twitter in the U.S." Color of Change, one of the groups backing the boycott, said nearly 100 advertisers have joined the campaign, including Honda, chocolate brand Hershey and Levi's.

Facebook's shares fell 8.3% on Friday as a result of the boycott, wiping out \$56bn from its market value. CONTINUED ON: P12

EXPRESS READ

Ahmed Patel grilled by ED in PMLA case

New Delhi: The Enforcement Directorate on Saturday questioned Congress leader Ahmed Patel's at his residence over a money laundering case. The case pertains to the alleged ₹14,500 crore loan fraud by Gujarat-based Sterling Biotech and three of its main promoters. P9

India rejects Pak offer on Kartarpur

New Delhi: India slammed Pakistan on Saturday for trying to create a "mirage of goodwill" with its proposal to reopen the Kartarpur Corridor in two days. Officials sources said India will take a decision on the matter after consulting the stakeholders. P9

'XI AUTHORISED ACTION ALONG LAC'

BALA CHAUHAN @ Bengaluru

"We need to be prepared and alert. China may take a step back and come back with greater vigour at what their target is," says Jayadeva Ranade, former Additional Secretary, R&AW, in the Cabinet Secretariat, amid the face-off between India and China along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Ladakh.

"The deployment of the People's Liberation Army and action along the LAC has been planned, authorised and co-ordinated by President Xi Jinping," says Ranade, president of the Centre for China Analysis and Strategy. "One of the more important reasons for their huge military deployment could be to distract the attention of the Chinese people from their domestic issues and growing discontent against President Xi Jinping," he says. FULL INTERVIEW | P9

'COVID-19 SURGE NOT DUE TO SINGLE CAUSE'

RAMU PATIL @ Bengaluru

Karnataka on Saturday reported the biggest single-day surge in Covid-19 positive cases. Bengaluru alone reported 596 of the 918 new cases. Additional Chief Secretary, Health Department, Jawaid Akhtar says it is difficult to nail down one single reason for the surge. While Unlock 1.0 has led to an influx of people, the state has also taken up active tracing of cases, he said.

The senior IAS officer, who is in the forefront of Karnataka's fight against the pandemic, says they have been working on upgrading health facilities since the last three months. "Though the numbers have increased, it is nowhere comparable to other metros, or for that matter, much smaller cities in severely affected states. The situation is fully under control," Akhtar said. FULL INTERVIEW | P6

KARNATAKA COVID-19 BATTLE



MAMMOTH ENDEAVOUR

Kempegowda statue will reach for the skies inch by inch

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @ Bengaluru

THE deft hands which worked on the Sardar Vallabhai Patel Statue of Unity in Gujarat, the world's tallest statue, will also give shape to the proposed 108-ft statue of Nadaprabhu Kempegowda near the Kempegowda International Airport. Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa laid the foundation for the project on Saturday, marking the 511th birth anniversary of Kempegowda, a chieftain of the Vijayanagara dynasty who founded the city hundreds of years ago.

The father-son duo of Ram V Sutar and Anil R Sutar from Uttar Pradesh had, in 2004, worked on the 27-foot bronze statue of Mahatma Gandhi in sitting posture which has been installed between Vidha-

na Soudha and Vikasa Soudha.

Deputy Chief Minister Dr C N Ashwathnarayan, who is also the vice-president of the Kempegowda Development Authority, confirmed that the work has been entrusted to the noted sculptors. The State Government has laid down certain specifications based on which the statue will be sculpted in bronze. It will be in standing position with a sword in the hand. Funds for the project were allocated in the budget, he said.

Sources in the government said the statue will be built in Uttar Pradesh and transported to Karnataka in parts and assembled here. The cost of

the statue and the central theme park on 23 acres of land next to KIA, which will highlight the life and achievements of Kempegowda, is estimated at Rs 78 crore. Yediyurappa said the work on the statue is expected to be completed in the next one-and-a-half years.

Speaking on the occasion, the CM said that it is due to Kempegowda's vision that Bengaluru has hundreds of lakes and places like Chickpet, Akkipet, Balepet and Kumbharpet which are still major commercial

hubs. "It's because of him that Bengaluru became a planned city. Now, there is a need to give a new dimension to the city. There is a need to improve basic amenities, health, education, waste and traffic management. We are committed to this," he said.

Interestingly, leaders from various parties took part in the foundation event. Former Prime Minister H D Deve Gowda and KPCC president-designate D K Shivakumar, both from the dominant Vokkaliga community, along with BJP ministers and Deputy CMs were present.



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Swamy S M teaches a group of students outside a closed shop in Chitradurga

Teacher's tale: A new school of thought

6 SUBASH CHANDRA @Chitradurga

EDUCATION is not the filling of a pot but the lighting of a fire! Thus spoke legendary Irish litterateur William Butler Yeats, which aptly describes the grit and passion of Mruthyunjaya Swamy S M, a teacher at the Patel Basanna High School in Madanayakanahalli, Chitradurga district.

March 25 – the day the pandemic lockdown set in – schools had to abruptly close down to an uncertain future. Swamy then decided to visit students' homes and coach them. And he has been carrying out this home tutoring ever since while efficiently maintaining social distancing norms.

Be it Newton's laws or the Periodic Table, the teacher is there to coach the young ones and resolve any doubts in the realms of physics, chemistry and biology. Apart from Madanayakanahalli, he also travels to nearby Hunasekatte, Chikkappanahalli and Bangarakanahalli villages to coach them.

He says he was inspired by the words of Prathima, who was the Joint Director at the Commissioner's Office. "Even though she is no more, I still remember her words about empowering students of rural areas. Whenever she visited our school, she used to tell me: 'Recall whether you have done justice to the remuneration you receive for your work. If not, introspect yourself and teach them.' These words encouraged me," says Swamy.

By incorporating innovative teaching techniques, which involve practicals, use of electronic gadgets and even household items, this rural school teacher is very popular among his students. Through lab experiments, videos and other visual teaching aids, he has ensured that his students easily understand different scientific disciplines. Along with

this, he also conducts weekly quizzes and mock tests to break the monotony.

"I was weak in optics, Newton's law of universal gravitation, and some chemistry topics. But thanks to our teacher, I am now quite knowledgeable," says Anusha H, a student from Chikkappanahalli.

The students under Swamy's tutelage are from the very school he's employed at. Equipped with his effortless coaching and tips, all the 24 teenagers, including Anusha, are appearing for the ongoing SSLC examinations.

About his teaching techniques, Swamy says, "First and foremost, I monitored the students carefully to know what they did at home, and then took up refreshing their knowledge chapter-wise. After that I asked them questions to gauge their level of knowledge. In case of their failure, I would refresh the topics rigorously and brief them about the difficult portions in any chapter."

"Now, all 24 students are thorough in their subjects and can answer any question on the same. I also framed mock question papers, directed them to answer them, which I evaluated. In case of any problems, they were clarified on the spot," he says, adding that he has taught tirelessly for 12 hours daily, free of cost.

In the two months of the lockdown, Swamy used to travel 30-40km every day, despite fears of Covid-19, to teach. "During the initial days, the police would stop me at check-points, but when I apprised them about my task of imparting lessons to students in villages, they would allow me to pass. In due course, I was permitted to move more freely."

Thanks to Swamy, the students are able to attune themselves to their studies, handle their exams, and wait for that day when the morning bell rings again.

VINCENT D'SOUZA
@Mangaluru

EVERYONE loves watching colourful butterflies flitting from one flower to another. But imagine spending six to seven hours a day watching and creating an inventory of insects, not all beautiful like the butterflies. But Kiran Vati K, zoology lecturer at St Aloysius College, did just that during the lockdown. He found it as one of the most memorable phases of his life as it helped him realise how rich the backyard of his house was with these tiny beings.

Kiran says that one of the best ways to learn about nature or learn about insects is to visit one's own backyard. You can find them on plants, in soil, under the stone and many more such places. The backyard is like one's own private laboratory where the science comes to you.

During the initial days of the lockdown, Kiran was walking in his small garden when he happened to see some colourful insects which made him curious to observe them. In the last two months, he found 33 species of insects like wasps, flies, hoverflies, ladybugs, lacewings, praying mantis, stink bugs and weevils and captured them in his still camera.

Over the past few weeks, he has watched insects flying around the flowers, ants capturing prey, honey bees collecting pollen and nectar, wasps capturing and paralyzing

prey, butterfly mating, caterpillars feeding on leaves, lady beetles eating aphids etc.

Watching visually appealing birds or butterflies is common but observing the tiny insects and also photographing them is neglected and also not an easy job, says Kiran adding that it requires a lot of patience to create a sort of rapport with them to ensure that you are harmless. "Insects can be disturbed even by the sound of camera clicks, its flash or with the presence of human beings. As you go close to them, they fly away," he says.

Not just daytime, but he was also busy during night as some small creatures are active then, making them an ideal pursuit for wildlife watchers. He says, "Urbanisation creates two extremes in insects. The insect species on one extreme have no tolerance for urbanisation and disappear almost completely from the urban areas as these would be sensitive to temperature, pollution, they need large green areas to nest, breed and have specific diet requirements. While on the other extreme many insect species thrive well in urban environments. They construct nests of mud or plant fibres, tolerate variation in temperature and have a wide range of diets, also consuming those food products used by humans," Kiran says.

According to Kiran, gardens maintained at home which are usually devoid of chemicals make an ideal spot for a variety of insects to temporarily visit or



For me, observing nature and the life forms in the place of residence is a source of comfort, entertainment and gaining knowledge.

— Kiran Vati K, zoology lecturer, St Aloysius College



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He says in a healthy garden all insects and plants are interconnected like the feeding relationships in a habitat which is a complex web than a simple chain. All the plants and insects found in the garden play an overlapping but important role to form the garden's web of life. And the insects play different roles as both predators and prey. They are classified as beneficial and pests. But at any point of time there will be insects in anyone's garden.



PLAYING BOTH ROLES EFFICIENTLY

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Youth 'helping friend copy' dies, kin blame police

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Vijayapura

A youth died after he was allegedly beaten by police who suspected him of encouraging malpractice during the SSLC exam, at Hoovina Hipparagi on Saturday. The police attributed the cause of death to cardiac arrest.

Police said the deceased Sagar Chalavadi (19) was throwing answer sheets inside the exam hall where his friend was writing Mathematics paper. Two policemen on duty who noticed the same made a bid to nab him. While trying to escape, he collapsed.

Chalavadi was rushed to a health centre where he was declared brought dead.

Chalavadi's family blamed the police for his death. A family member said, "Sagar was passing the exam centre when a policeman stopped him and cane charged him. He was not involved in any malpractice. As he had cardiac ailment, he could not bear the police atrocity, and eventually died."

Shettar: Will build industry clusters

Townships planned around Bengaluru

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

AFTER land reforms and other measures to ensure ease of doing business, the state government is now planning to develop industrial townships around Bengaluru and in other parts of the state.

Industries Minister Jagadish Shettar on Saturday said senior officers in the department have been directed to prepare a detailed proposal for developing the townships and the project will be taken up after getting approval from the cabinet.

After launching Covid-19 Udyog Sahayavani by Karnataka Small-Scale Industries' Association (KASSIA), he said that there had been a demand for industrial townships for many years and now they have managed to convince the Urban Development Minister to take up the projects.

The State is already working on simplifying various regula-

tions that have posed hurdles in the acquisition of land for setting up industries and making Karnataka industry-friendly state, he said. The state government recently decided to amend the Karnataka Land Reforms Act to allow non-agriculturists to buy agricultural land.

Shettar said officials have been told to formulate a new scientific policy to fix the rate for land acquired for industries. The government is coming up with an industrial policy, which is awaiting the approval of the finance department. The new policy will focus on developing industries in Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities, he said.

KASSIA president R Raju said the government has taken measures to encourage small and medium industries and it must also address issues of fund availability through Karnataka State Finance Corporation at 4% interest, waiver of fixed power charges from two months to six months.



See Rule - 8(1)
(For Immovable Property)

Covid takes the sting off city police force

MANJU SHETTAR @Bengaluru

WITH many police stations sealed across the city after staffers tested positive for Covid-19, some officials have been shifted to neighbouring stations, while others have been placed at temporary kiosks outside the sealed stations. So far, the coronavirus has infected 123 policemen and killed four in the city.

A senior police officer from the Madiwala police station said that 73 staffers at the station have been quarantined after a few policemen tested positive. The station now has a kiosk and those manning it have been told not to come in



A policeman guards the gates of Traffic Management Centre in Bengaluru on Saturday. The building was sealed after one tested Covid-positive | PANDARINATH B

contact with the public or other staffers. Another police officer from the Central division said that when Cubbon Park PS was sealed, the staffers were asked to work from the Vidhana Soudha police station.

The Traffic Management Centre (TMC), which was shut on Friday, has been sealed till June 30 after a constable tested positive. An order issued by Joint Commissioner of Police (Traffic) B R Ravikanth Gow-

da stated that the control room will be functional with minimum staff. The entry is banned for other staffers and public. Soon after the positive report arrived, BBMP officials fumigated the TMC compound and officials were sent back home.

The police commissioner's office was sealed on Friday evening after an Anti-Terrorist Cell constable tested positive.

Four police stations at Madivala, Suddaguntepalya, Hebbagodi and Suryanagar were sealed for three days after a constable from each station tested positive on Saturday. Those tested positive have been admitted to private Covid hospitals.

HC frames guidelines on aid to accident victims

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

THE High Court on Saturday laid down guidelines for the release of compensation deposited with the judiciary to beneficiaries who include road accident victims, industrial workers, and land losers.

A division bench of Chief

Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice S Vishwajith Shetty said that due to Covid restrictions, litigants could not receive payments for the past three months and issued guidelines for the speedy release of compensation which has already been deposited in the judicial accounts of Khajane-2. The bench said courts

could not restrict the number of payments per day, and directed the government to ensure quick access to servers which are often inaccessible. The court said that in matrimonial cases, maintenance payments could be made via RTGS transfers, or other direct payment methods between the parties concerned.

FUND SHORTAGE

Sharavathi water will not be taken to B'luru: KSE

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Shivamogga

SHIVAMOGGA district in-charge minister K S Eshwarappa said that there are no plans of taking Sharavathi water to Bengaluru.

Answering a question about the ongoing survey work of Sharavathi Storage pumped power project, the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj minister said, "This project too will not be implemented. The pandemic has resulted in a lack of funds." Deputy Commissioner K B Sivakumar, CEO M L Vaishali and others were present.



From PhD in AI to fruit chips company, youngster takes a big leap

ASHWINI M SRIPAD
@Bengaluru

A PhD in digital image processing is a long way from allied agricultural activities, but in a strange way, that is what this former lecturer ended up doing by setting up a company that can turn any fruit or vegetable into tasty chips.

Twenty-eight-year-old Bharadwaj Karanth's com-

pany, Suvridha Foods and Beverages, procures fruits and vegetables directly from farmers and processes them into chips and dry fruits.

Until two years ago, Karanth taught at a college in Sringeri, his hometown. "I realised that many of my students were moving out of here, leaving their parents behind because there are no employment opportunities for them. I have a

PhD in a subject related to artificial intelligence, but to start a company in that field here... there is a shortage of skilled workers and power outages are common," he said.

It hit him then that farmers found it extremely difficult to access markets, and that if there was some value addition to their farm produce, it would be a

win-win situation for all. Two years ago, he founded Suvridha, which employs 18 people - mostly students who have an opportunity to remain in their hometown, and makes chips out of practically any fruit or vegetable.

"At present, we have banana, jackfruit, chikoo, beetroot, ladies finger, garlic, carrot, sweet potato, papaya chips

and more," he said.

The first step is to remove the moisture content from the fruit or vegetable, followed by vacuum frying, which needs very little oil. Karanth says the whole process is natural, and that no colour additives are used. "The nutritional value remains intact. It tastes just as fresh as the fruit (or vegetable), but it's just crispy," he said.

For seasonal fruits such as

jackfruit, the company has a cold storage facility so that production can continue throughout the year. Karanth plans on expanding into manufacturing powdered spices, for which his home district Chikmagalur is famous. Other plans on the anvil include the sale of products made from medicinal plants such as Amruthabali, which are abundant in the Western Ghats.



PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that, I, Sri. Anil Kumar Mehta, aged about 44 years, S/o. Sri. Manohar Lal Mehta, Residing at No.113/B, Magadi Road, Bangalore-560023 have agreed to purchase the below mentioned Schedule property from its owner Sri. R. Gopal, aged about 39 years, S/o Late M. Raghavendra Pillai, Residing at No.519, Raghav Building, between 2nd and 3rd Cross, Sampige Road, Bangalore-560 003. Mr. Sri. R. Gopal, S/o Late M. Raghavendra Pillai is the absolute owner of the below mentioned Schedule Property having possession and enjoying same and he got ownership through by way of inheritance and property bearing Khata Certificate PID No. 29-26-51, Ward No. 23, Cottonpet, New Municipal No.51, Dr. TCM Royan Road, Bangalore. Mr. S.R. Gopal, S/o Late M. Raghavendra has lost the below mentioned Schedule Property's Mother deeds and other pertaining documents. In this regard he has lodge the police complaint in Crime Branch, Bangalore City on 22.07.2019, vide Lost Report No. 142589/2019.

It is hereby inform the General Public that, any person's, Banks, financial Institutions/Companies, Partnership Firm etc., if having any objection, charge, Lien, Mortgage, Right, Title, Inheritance or Interest over the Schedule property should notify the above mentioned my Address in writing along with documentary evidence within 7 (Seven) Days from the issue of this Notice. If no objections are received within the stipulated period, I will proceed with the Sale Transaction.

SCHEDULE
All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Building No.51, Old No.19, Mariswamy Matt Cross Lane, T.C.M Royan Road, Cottonpet, Bangalore. BBMP Bangalore, measuring East to West :51 feet and North to South: 40 feet, Totally measuring 2040 Square feet, together with RCC roofed building with electricity and Water facilities and bounded on the:
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West by: Dr. T.C.M Royan Road
North by: Service Road
South by: Private Property
Sd/- Sri. Anil Kumar Mehta



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AXIS BANK #45, Prestige Libra, 1st Floor, Lalbagh Road, Landmark - Above Passport Seva Kendra, Bangalore-560027. POSSESSION NOTICE See Rule - 8(1) (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Axis Bank Ltd., under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 had issued a Demand Notices calling upon the Borrowers / Mortgages / Guarantors to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers / Mortgages / Guarantors having failed to repay the amount, Notice is hereby given to the Borrowers / Guarantor / Mortgages and the Public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on below mentioned dates.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub Section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The Borrowers / Mortgages / Guarantors in particular and the Public in General are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charges of the Axis Bank Ltd., for an amount interest and Other Charges mentioned below.

1. Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgage / Guarantor : 1) Mr. Allahsaheb Nabisaheb Yadav (applicant), No 147 1st A Main, Ramakrishna Nagar, Bangalore North, Nandini Layout, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560096 India. **And Also:** Katerava Clinic No C/36, Duttali Kanterava Va Studio Road, Yeshwanthpur, Bangalore - 560022. Bangalore Karnataka 560022 India. **And Also:** Flat No 201 2nd Floor, J P Grand Pooma Prasad Road, Race Course J P Ground, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560001. **2) Mrs. Shirin Taj (Co-applicant),** No 147 1st A Main, Ramakrishna Nagar, Bangalore North, Nandini Layout, Bangalore - 560096. **And Also:** Flat No 201, 2nd Floor, J P Grand, Pooma Prasad Road, Race Course, J P Ground, Bangalore 560001. **Total amount mentioned in the notice :** Rs. 2,32,89,608.00/- (Rupees Two Crore Thirty Two Lakhs Eighty Nine Thousand Six Hundred and Eight Only) as on 22.01.2019 within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

Loan A/c No. PHR00902360283 Demand Notice Dated : 22.01.2020, Possession Notice Dated : 23.06.2020
Details of Mortgaged Property: Schedule - A: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Municipal New No. 10, Old No. 15, PID No. 77-106-10, situated at Pooma Prasad Road, Race Course Road, Bangalore - 560001, measuring East to West 96 Feet in all measuring 8284.8 Sq Ft and bounded on: East - Site No. 11, Old No. 16, West - Site No. 09, Old No. 14, North - Site No. 37, Old No. 10, South - Road.

Schedule - B: Three Bed Room Flat Bearing Flat No. 201, in the second floor of the schedule A property having a super built up area of 2761 Sq Ft along with two Covered Car parking in the basement having RCC roof vitrified Tile flooring, measuring 2761 Sq Ft, JP Grand Apartments Pooma Prasad Road, Race Course, J P Ground Bangalore - 560001 and bounded on: East - Site No. 11, Old No. 16, West - Site No. 09, Old No. 14, North - Site No. 37, Old No. 10, South - Road.

2. Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgage / Guarantor : 1) Suresh Kumar S (Applicant), No 82, 5th Main, Bhuvaneshwari Nagar, R T Nagar Post, Bangalore 560032. **Also at,** Supriya Constructions, Old No 99, New No 82, 1st Floor, 5th Main, Bhuvaneshwari Nagar, R T Nagar Post, Bangalore 560032. **Also at,** Site No 12, 1st Cross, V P Katha No 333/A, Assessment No 38/2, Situated at Nagarbhavi Village, Kasaba Hobli Bangalore-560032. **2) Supriya S R,** No 82, 5th Main, Bhuvaneshwari Nagar, R T Nagar Post, Bangalore 560032. **Also at,** Supriya Constructions, Old No 99, New No 82, 1st Floor, 5th Main, Bhuvaneshwari Nagar, R T Nagar Post, Bangalore 560032. **Also at,** Site No 12, 1st Cross, V P Katha No 333/A, Assessment No 38/2, Situated at Nagarbhavi Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore-560032. **Total amount mentioned in the notice :** Rs. 55,13,061.00/- (Rupees Fifty Five Lakhs Thirteen Thousand Sixty One Only) as on 31.12.2019 within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

Loan A/c No. LPR05610167943 Demand Notice Dated : 31.12.2019, Possession Notice Dated : 23.06.2020
Details of Mortgaged Property: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing New BBMP No.1 PID No. 95-85-1, 1st Cross, Kaverinagar, Old Ward No. 95, New Ward No. 32, BBMP (Formerly Site No 12 V P Katha No. 333/A, in Assessment No. 38/2 Situated at NAGAWARA Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk), Bangalore, measuring East to West: 40 feet and North to South: 30 feet, in all total 1200 square feet and the bounded on as follows East by: Road, West by: Private belongs to Sri. A. Puthuraj, North by: Property belonging to Sri. A. Chandrasekar, South by: Road.

3. Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgage / Guarantor : 1) Akkhurtha Technocrats Limited (borrower) Represented By Mr. Puvaiah Kodendera (Managing Director) Off At: No 59/1, L R Bunde Road, Kaval Byrasandra, R T Nagar, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560032 India. **Registered Office At:** Space Bearing No.1, Sy No. 4/2, Thirumenahalli Village, Hegdenagerbellahalli Main Road, Bangalore - 560064. **2) Mr. Puvaiah Kodendera (Managing Director / Guarantor)** Son of Late Sri. Kodendera Bidappa, Residing At No. 102, Varsha Apartments, 6th A Cross, C V Ramana Road, Sadashiva Nagar, Bangalore - 560080. **And Also At:** Mr. Puvaiah Kodendera (borrower) No 7/23 Old Tumkur Road, RMV Extn. Bangalore, Karnataka 560080 India. **And Also At:** Akkhurtha Technocrats Ltd, No 59/1 L R Bunde Road, Kavalbyrasandra R T Nagar, Bangalore Karnataka 560080 India. **And Also At:** Provident Welworth City, Flat No.707, 7th Floor Wing J 10 Kadalamale Village, Hesarghatta Hobli Bangalore 560073. **3) Mrs. Cheppudira Lopsa Somanna,** A 103 Aristocrat 1st Main Road, East Off Ngeel Jayo Kasturinagar, Bangalore Karnataka 560043 India. **And Also At:** Provident Welworth City, Flat No.707, 7th Floor Wing J 10 Kadalamale Village, Hesarghatta Hobli Bangalore -560073.

1. Loan A/c No. 910030029144384 and PHR05610077726
Total amount mentioned in the notice : Rs. 4,21,73,388.00/- (Rupees Four Crore Twenty One Lakhs Seventy Three Thousand Three Hundred and Eighty Eight Only) as on 09.09.2019 within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

2. Loan A/c No. 910030029144384 and PHR05610077726
Total amount mentioned in the notice : Rs. 18,87,752.00/- (Rupees Eighteen Lakhs Eighty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Two only) as on 25.11.2019 within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

Demand Notice Dated : 26.11.2019, Possession Notice Dated : 23.06.2020

Details of Mortgaged Property: Schedule - I: All that piece & parcel of immovable property bearing Amalgamated BBMP Khata No. 01, (Old No. 1 & 4), Old Site No.'s 32, 10/1, 11/1 and 12/3 and 33, 10/1, 11/1 and 12/3 situated at 3rd Cross B M Krishnappa Layout, BBMP Ward No. 95, Bangalore, totally measuring 8390 Sq Feet and bounded on - East: Private Property, West : Private Property, North : Road, South : Road,

Schedule - A: All that piece and parcel of residentially converted land comprised of Survey No. 30 (7 acres 24.5 guntas) 31 (6 acres 25.5 guntas), 32 (9 acres 02 guntas), 33 (9 acres 37.25 guntas) 34 (6 acres 0.5 guntas) and 161(2 acres) of Kadatanamale village, hesarghatta hobli, Bangalore North taluk in all measuring 41 acres 9.75 guntas entire property is bounded as follows: East by: Land in Sy No. 160 Doddaballapur Road, land in Sy No. 162, 163, 164, 40, and 41. West by: Land in Sy No. 41, 29, 30/7(P), 31/3(P), 31/2(P), 31/1(P), 34/2(P), 34/1(P). North by: Land in Sy No. 37, 38 and 160. South by: Land in Sy No. 41 and 29.

Schedule B: An Undivided 0.239% share (equivalent to 312.47 Sq Feet) in the land measuring 1006611.05 Sq Feet being the land apportioned to the residential development forming par of Schedule A property.

Schedule - C: A Three Bed room Apartment bearing No. 707 (Property No. 15020020250022327) on the Seventh Floor in Block/ Wing J10 of the residential apartment complex known as Provident Wel Worth City constructed on the schedule A Property having a super built up area of 1075 Sq Ft together with an exclusive right to use one open reserved car parking space.

Date : 23.06.2020
Place : Bangalore
Sd/- Authorised Officer
Axis Bank

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UTTAR PRADESH RAJKIYA NIRMAN NIGAM LTD. A U.P. GOVT. UNDERTAKING Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560010, (Karnataka), Ph. 080-23428640.

E-Procurement Notice No. 21/PM/UPRNN/BLR/PU Works/2020. Dt: 10.06.2020

SHORT TERM E-PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Office of the Project Manager, UPRNN Ltd., Bangalore Unit, invites sealed offers from interested eligible/specialized Suppliers/Contractor/Item Rate Vendors for the Supply/SITC/Item of Works, on urgent basis for the works of Construction of Girls Hostel Building (Balance work) in Pondicherry University, Kalapet Pondicherry. Requisite details can be downloaded from UPRNN website www.etenderup.nic.in upto 02.07.2020, upto 18.00 Hrs.

UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES, DHARWAD No.R/Rectt/Adv.53(A)/2020 Date: 26.06.2020

NOTIFICATION

Sub : Recruitment to the post of Assistant/Assistant-cum-Computer Operator in the University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad.
Ref : 1. This Office Notification No.R/Rectt/Adv.53/2015 dated 11.9.2015 and Notification No.R/Rectt/Adv.53(A)/2018 dated 15.10.2018
2. This Office Notification No.R/Rectt/Adv.53(A)/2019 dated 04.01.2020.

The eligible candidates who had applied for the post of Assistant / Assistant-cum-Computer Operator at UAS, Dharwad vide Ref.(1) above are requested to visit the University website <http://www.uasd.edu> and upload the necessary documents as mentioned therein on or before 30th July 2020 by 5 PM.

Sd/- REGISTRAR

ODISHA COAL AND POWER LTD. (A GOVT. OF ODISHA COMPANY) Zone-A, Ground Floor, Fortune Towers, Chandrasekharpur Bhubaneswar - 751023, Odisha

Advertisement No: OCPL/HR/2020/01 Date: 28-06-2020
Odisha Coal and Power Limited (OCPL), a Government of Odisha company invites online applications from the eligible Indian Citizens for the following post.

Sl. No.	Name of the post	Grade (Pay Scale)	Total post
01	Manager (HR)	E-4 (73,300-2,06,100)	01
	Total		01

For detailed advertisement, pay scale, how to apply and other details, please visit our website www.ocpl.org.in.

Opening of online submission of application: 10 AM of 1st July, 2020
Last date for submission of online application: 5 PM of 21st July, 2020
Last date for receipt of hard copy of application: 5 PM of 28th July, 2020
Corrigendum, if any, will be published in OCPL website only.

Company Secretary
Odisha Coal and Power Limited,
Bhubaneswar (Odisha). Tel: 0674-2300654/2300664

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL, MEDICAL EDUCATION & TRAINING, UTTAR PRADESH, 6th FLOOR, JAWAHAR BHAWAN, LUCKNOW.

No. ME-3/2020/1050 Lucknow: Dated: 27 June, 2020

The Time Schedule of Second Round of Online Counseling of UP NEET PG-2020

The Time Schedule for the Admission through Online counseling in the State of Uttar Pradesh for Government / Private Medical / Dental Colleges / Institutions / Universities for Postgraduate (MD/MS/Diploma/MDS Courses) is as follows:-

Date of Online Registration	29 th June 2020 (From 2:00 PM) To 02 nd July 2020
Online Security Fee Payment	29 th June 2020 (From 2:00 PM) To 04 th July 2020
Expected date of declaration of merit list	06 th July 2020
Date of online choice filling & locking	07 th July 2020 (From 4:00 PM) To 10 th July 2020 till (11:AM)
Declaration of result of seat allotment	11 th /12 th July 2020
Date for downloading allotment letters & admission	13 th July 2020 to 17 th July 2020

• Registration & Security Money will be deposited through Debit Card / Credit Card / Net Banking/ E-Challan.
• For further important and detailed information kindly visit the website regularly <https://upneet.gov.in> & www.updgm.in.
Director General

CITY UNION BANK LTD. Administrative Office : No. 24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001. Phone : 0435-2402322, 2401622 Fax : 0435-2431746

TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following properties mortgaged to City Union Bank Limited will be sold in Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of Rs.1,18,57,930/- (Rupees One Crore Eighteen Lakhs Fifty Seven Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty Only) as on 12-02-2020 together with further interest to be charged from 13-02-2020 onwards and other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors No.1) Mr. Vishal Athrey, S/o. Mr. Venkatasasappa Divakar, 303, G R Lavender Apartments, Behind Ramaiiah City, J P Nagar, 7th Phase, Bangalore - 560 078. Also at:- Mr. Vishal Athrey, S/o. Mr. Venkatasasappa Divakar, No.116, Birds Vacation, 2nd Floor, 5th Cross, Shastrinagar, Bangalore - 560 028. Also at:- Mr. Vishal Athrey, S/o. Mr. Venkatasasappa Divakar, Flat No.C-1301, 13th Floor, Block-D, Tivoli, SH-35 Hosakote-Varthur Main Road, Seegehalli, Bidarhahalli Hobli, Bangalore East - 560 067. No.2) Mrs. Shilpa Vishal, W/o. Mr. Vishal Athrey, 303, G R Lavender Apartments, Behind Ramaiiah City, J P Nagar, 7th Phase, Bangalore - 560 078. Also at:- Mrs. Shilpa Vishal, W/o. Mr. Vishal Athrey, Flat No. C-1301, 13th Floor, Block-D, Tivoli, SH-35 Hosakote-Varthur Main Road, Seegehalli, Bidarhahalli Hobli, Bangalore East - 560 067.

Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank
(Property Owned by Mr. Vishal Athrey, S/o. Mr. Venkatasasappa Divakar)
Schedule - A

All that piece and parcel of land converted for Non-Agricultural Residential purposes bearing Survey Nos.118 (3 Acres) and 119 (1 Acre 15 Guntas), Totally measuring 4 Acres 15 Guntas, bearing Khata No.120 of Seegehalli Grama Panchayat, situated in Seegehalli Village, Bidarhahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk which is bounded on the: East by - 6th Block of Survey No.118, West by - 3rd Block of Survey No.118, North by - Road, South by - Private land and remaining portion of Sy.No.118 (Out of this an extent of 2,100.13 Sq Mtrs. has been relinquished in favour of the Bangalore Development Authority for Road Widening / Formation and the remaining extent of 15,604.71 Sq.mtrs., equivalent to 1,67,968 Sq.ft., is the project land).

Schedule - B
Undivided Share, right, title and interest in the Land in A - Schedule Property to an extent of 1,104.21 Sq.ft., inclusive of Proportionate Undivided Share, right, title and interest in the Common Areas, Internal Pathways, Internal Roads, Club House, Swimming Pool, Landscaping and other Common Amenities and facilities in the project "TIVOLI" in Schedule A - Property.

Schedule - C<

Over 10,000 students skip maths exam in Kalyana-Karnataka region

1,150 from containment zones write paper; 70 unwell kids placed in spl rooms

RAMKRISHNA BADSEHI
@Kalaburgi

OVER 10,000 students of the Kalyana-Karnataka region remained absent for the SSLC mathematics exam that was held in 541 exam centres on Saturday. Official sources said that other than Koppal, the number of students absent was high in all districts in the region, as compared to the number of students who attended the language paper held on Thursday.

Deputy Director of Public Instruction S P Badagandi told TNSE that the students who were absent for the maths paper can rewrite it in the supplementary exams to be held later, but they would be considered as supplementary students. However, the students who were absent because they were under quarantine or had health problems can give the exam later as normal students, he added.

Chandrashekhara Azad, whose daughter appeared for the maths exam, told TNSE that the paper was somewhat difficult. Bharamappa, a student, said that he skipped the exam as he could not prepare well due to the lockdown.

SSLC ATTENDEES ACROSS DISTRICTS

Districts	Number of Centres	Number of students registered	Number of students who appeared	Number of students absent
Kalaburgi	136	42,103	39,369	2,734
Ballari	114	40,409	38,314	2,095
Raichur	77	29,146	27,682	1,464
Bidar	99	26,181	24,421	1,760
Koppal	63	21,661	20,752	909
Yadgir	52	16,611	15,335	1,276
Total	541	1,71,611	1,65,873	10,238



Academic Shanti Desai said that students were absent for two reasons — the fear of contracting Covid and the lack of preparation due to the lockdown.

Altogether 1,150 students from containment zones wrote the exam, while 70 students were accommodated in special rooms as they were unwell.

Meanwhile, additional commissioner of public instruction

Nalin Atul instructed officials to file cases against seven students who got others to write the paper for them on June 25.

The public instruction, health and police departments have made elaborate arrangements in view of the Covid-19 pandemic. All students had to mandatorily wear masks and all were screened before being allowed into exam halls.

1,247 skip paper in Davanagere

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Davanagere

THE SSLC Mathematics examination was held across 93 examination centres in the district on Saturday. Out of 21,991 students, 20,804 wrote the paper, while 1,247 remained absent.

Speaking on the arrangements, deputy director of public instruction Parameshwarappa said, "All the SOPs were followed before conducting the examination. One student was not keeping well and wrote the exam in a separate room. A total of 80 students came from containment zones."

Meanwhile, Deputy Commissioner Mahantesh Bilagi visited the examination centres at a Government High school in Siddaganga to boost students' confidence. As per the directions of the district administration, prohibitory orders under Section 144 of CrPc were declared at the centres.



ON NOTICE
A health worker pastes a home quarantine sticker on a building in Chennai on Saturday. Tamil Nadu recorded a whopping 3,713 cases on the day | MARTIN LOUIS

PVN's year-long centenary fete to begin in Telangana today

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Hyderabad

THE year-long festivities commemorating the birth centenary of former Prime Minister PV Narasimha Rao will commence here on a grand scale on Sunday, with its inauguration by Chief Minister K Chandrababtu Naidu on Necklace Road. The State government has allotted ₹10 crore for the celebrations.

A variety of programmes would be taken up in honour of the services of PV, not only in Telangana, but to several important cities in the country.

The PV committee headed by TRS secretary-general and Rajya Sabha member K Keshava Rao has been working towards setting up a PV memorial, museum, and bronze statues, in addition to organising seminars.

Meanwhile, MCRHRD director general BP Acharya presented a copy of the book "Kakatiya Heritage" to Industries Minister KT Rama Rao on Saturday. The book contained an article on "Ramappa - A Symphony in Stone", written by former Prime Minister PV Narasimha Rao. The book was published recently by the Centre for Telangana Studies of Dr MCR HRD Institute.



Legislators enter exam halls, click pictures

PEARL MARIA D'SOUZA
@Bengaluru

ON Saturday, SSLC students were busy answering their mathematics paper, when there was some commotion. The exam centres across the State saw elected representatives entering the examination halls and taking pictures, much to the chagrin of the others. The legislators, it is said, were concerned and wanted to see for themselves the arrangements made.

Responding to this, Minister of Primary and Secondary Education S Suresh Kumar said, "We (legislators) must also know our limits. I will



Two girls revise outside an SSLC examination centre in Bengaluru on Saturday | MEGHANA SASTRY

send the message to the others in the political fraternity."

Causing concern all round, a 16-year-old student tested positive while writing the exam at Mallipattana government high school in Arkalgud

taluk in Hassan district on Saturday. In a report, the department said that the student was asymptomatic and was being tested for dengue, during which, she was swabbed for Covid-19. The reports arrived towards the end of the examination, and she was shifted to another room.

An Extension Officer from the Department of Backward Classes, who was an observer for the English examination, tested positive a day later. New officials were appointed at the exam centre, said the minister.

Ankarakona in Uttara Kanakana, that witnessed a positive case on Friday night, was

turned into a quarantine zone. Eight SSLC students from the area were taken to their centres in two special buses, said the minister.

On the other hand, even as Bengaluru saw an all-time high number of positive cases on Saturday, the BBMP gave the education department the green signal to conduct exams at two centres in Bengaluru South—one at Lourde High School at Cubbonpet and another Bandhary School on Kilari Road.

The minister deemed the maths exam a success, with a 97.93 per cent attendance of the 8,08,650 candidates across 2,879 centres in the State.

Thoothukudi cops not first-time offenders

S GODSON WISELY DASS
@Thoothukudi

THE police sub inspectors - Balakrishnan (38) and Ragu Ganesh (44) - who are allegedly behind the custodial torture and murder of two traders - P Jeyaraj and Beniks - are not new to controversies. Both of them were summoned by the State Human Rights Commission (SHRC) in

the past for launching an attack on the public. Balakrishnan is a 2013 batch Sub-inspector while Ragu managed to pass the SI departmental exam in 2019.

The complainant J Selvarani, wife of Jeyaraj, in a petition seeking justice, had said that the duo, under the pretext of inquiry, had tortured over 25 persons in Sathankulam.

According to sources, Sub

Inspector Balakrishnan was summoned by State Human Rights Commission (SHRC) in 2013 following a complaint filed by one N Vajayapuri alias Mani, claiming that the policeman had beaten him severely for violating traffic rules. "The complainant had demanded ₹1 lakh compensation as he was unable to go to work after the incident," they said.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are informed that our client Mr.C.D. Rajappa S/o Mr.C.D.Chinnappa, Resident of Sy.No.70, Chikkadasarahalli Village, Anekal Taluk, Sarjapura Hobli, Bangalore has lost the Original Sale Deed (i.e., the earlier Title Deed) dated, 03/04/1972, registered as document No.23/1972-73 of Book I, Volume No.1168, at pages 241to 242, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Anekal Taluk, executed by Mr.S.D. Sheshagiriiah in respect of Land bearing Sy.No.70, measuring 2 Acres 17 Guntas situated at Chikkadasarahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk and which property is currently conveyed. He further represents that the said Property is not mortgaged as collateral security with anyone else. Further, a complaint has been lodged on 17/06/2020 before the Crime Branch, Bangalore City Police Station, Bangalore to this effect, which has been duly acknowledged. Persons finding the said Original Deed may kindly return the same to the undersigned and if any one has any objections in this regard, may lodge their objections/claims with documentary evidence within 10 days from the date of publication to the undersigned.

Shanti L. (9945003212)-Advocate for M/s.Narendara & Associates, Branch Office:No.4, III Floor, Saroj Bank Square, Gear School-Doddakannahalli Road, Boganahalli, Bangalore-560 103.

NORTH EASTERN KARNATAKA ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION

Ballari Division : Ballari.

No. NEKT : BLR : TR : COMM :311 : 2020-21 DATE:26.6.2020

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION No: 07/2020

(Through E-procurement)

Applications are invited through e-procurement from 27.07.2020 for selecting licensee to commercial stalls / open place/advertisement at Ballari Central / Tekkalakote Bus Stand coming under NEKRTC Ballari Division. Interested bidder can download complete notification from www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in and after reading and understanding the terms and conditions bidders can submit online application within 18.07.2020 at 17:00 hrs. E-Tender will be opened on 21.07.2020. For more details contact Divisional Traffic Officer, Ballari (Mobile No. 77609 92152) or call to e-portal 080-23010900/23010901.

Sd/-
Divisional Controller,
NEKRTC, Ballari Division, Ballari.

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OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE No.B/TRO 2020-21/01

Date:22.06.2020

The undersigned on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tender for the following works:

S/1 Description of Work Approx Value

1 Tender No: B-TRD- Rs. 1,32,47,325/-

29-2020-21-OT-02: Periodic

Overhauling of Transformers TR04 in

Whitefield TSS. For 4 months period.

2 Tender No: Rs. 2,59,08,283.92/-

B-TRD-29-2020-21-OT-03:

Outsourcing of TRD maintenance &

breakdown activities in Bengaluru-

Jolarpettai Section and

Baiyappanahalli-Hosur for 2 years period.

3 Tender No: Rs. 30,41,753.60/-

B-TRD-29-2020-21-OT-04:

Modification of OHE due to extension

of PF at Gnanabharathi (240 Mts),

Mandya (60 Mtrs), Niddagatta (35

Mtrs), Chendraginkoppal (35 Mtrs)

and Ketohalli (273 Mts) in Bengaluru-

Mysuru Section.

Last date of submission of bids:

Up to 15:00 hrs of 20.07.2020

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Divisional Railway Manager (Traction Distribution)

South Western Railway, Bengaluru

PUB/34/AA/SP/PR/SBC/2020-21

LOSS OF DOCUMENTS

This is to inform the General Public that Mr. Mohan M.D. S/o Doddaiiah, aged about 55 years, residing at No. 315, 2nd Main, 2nd Phase, K.H.B. Colony, Basaveshwaranagara, Bengaluru-560079, is the absolute owner of the Property bearing Site No.11, formed in Sy. No. 81/3, PID No. 21-107-14/1 measuring East to West 21 feet North to South 40 feet, situated at Agrahara Dasarahalli, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru. My client have lost the below mentioned original documents while returning from the Xerox shop from Vinayagur to his home, 1) Original Power of Attorney dated 05-03-1996, Document No: 2512/1995-96, Volume No: 164, Pages 191-193, registered on 07-03-1996 at the office of the Senior Sub-Registrar Rajajinagara, 2) Original un-registered Agreement of Sale dated 06-03-1996, 3) Affidavit dated 06-03-1996 in support of Agreement of Sale dated 06-03-1996. In this regard my client had lodged police complaint before the Vijayanagara Police Station on 26-06-2020.

In the event any person finds or in possession of the above said original documents kindly handover the same to the below mentioned address within 7 days of the publication of this notice. The general public are informed not to act on the basis of the said original documents, if in case any person's wrongfully claimed with regard to the said original documents they have to face penal consequences.

BHASKAR REDDY S, Advocate,
No. 3172, 2nd Floor, S.B. Building,
K.E.B. Circle, Hoskote-562114.
Ph: 99017 57030

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are informed that our client Mr.C.R.

Srinivas, S/o Late Mr.Ramaswamy, Resident

of Sy.No.14, Chikkadasarahalli Village, Anekal

Taluk, Sarjapura Hobli, Bangalore has lost the

Original Gift Deed dated 04/09/2012,

registered as document No.34/2012-13 of

Book I, at C.D.No.ABLD 119, in the Office of the

Smt.Kempamma, W/o late Sri.Ramaswamy in

favour of Sri.C.R.Srinivas in respect of

Converted Lands bearing

Sy.No.30 measuring 0-15-08 Guntas,

Sy.No.14 measuring 0-29-12 Guntas,

Sy.No.33 measuring 0-12-08 Guntas &

Sy.No.34 measuring 0-12-08 Guntas &

Sy.No.44 measuring 2 Acres 01 Guntas, all

situated at Chikkadasarahalli village,

Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore

District. He further represents that the said

Property is not mortgaged as collateral security

with anyone else. Further, a complaint has been

lodged on 22/06/2020 before the Crime Branch,

Bangalore City Police Station, Bangalore to this

effect, which has been duly acknowledged.

Persons finding the said Original Deed may

kindly return the same to the undersigned and if

any one has any objections in this regard, may

lodge their objections/claims with documentary

evidence within 10 days from the date of

publication to the undersigned.

Shanti L. (9945003212)-Advocate

for M/s.Narendara & Associates,

Branch Office:No.4, III Floor, Saroj Bank

Square, Gear School-Doddakannahalli

Road, Boganahalli, Bangalore-560 103.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients 1. Mr. Syed Iftakhar Pasha S/o

late Syed Isahq, aged about 37 years, 2. Mr.

Syed Zulfikar Pasha S/o late Syed Isahq,

aged about 34 years, both are residing at

No. 276/6, Syedwadi Mohalla,

Channarayana-562160, Ramnagar District,

intend to purchase from its owners 1.Mrs.

Shardamma W/o late Narayanaswamy, age

68 years, 2. Mr. T. Munayappa S/o late

Munayappa @ Tayappa, 69 years, 3.

Mr.Chandappa S/o late Munayappa @

Tayappa, 52 years, for a valuable sale

consideration.

Any person's having objections to the above

transactions or any claims whatsoever on the

schedule property, shall lodge their

objections/claims with documentary

evidence within seven (07) days from the

date of this notice with the undersigned. If no

objections or any claim received within the

stipulated period of seven days my clients

will proceed with the above mentioned

transaction presuming that no one has any

claim and any claim made thereafter shall not

be binding on our clients.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of immovable

property being vacant site bearing BDA-Site

No.H.N-27, formed in Survey No.99 of

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IF WHATSAPP WISHES WERE HORSES

THE Indian Weightlifting Federation (IWLFF) did some heavy lifting of policy this week. Last year, the Federation ordered four sets comprising barbells and weight plates from a Chinese company. The IWLFF declared that it would stop using any equipment made in China.

Touch screen calls for boycott of Chinese products fuelled by a rush of rage is not entirely new and surfaces periodically, in the aftermath of a face-off in Doklam and then in Galwan on the Line of Actual Control, galvanised by anger every time China shows its true colours. It is true that sentiments convey public opinion and are necessary, but they are not sufficient to alter ground realities. If only WhatsApp wishes were horses!

Data depicts a harsh reality — fury is followed by furious expansion of imports from China. In 2000, India's imports from China totalled to \$1.5 billion — roughly 2.9 per cent of all imports. In 2010, this rose to \$ 30 billion. In the decade since, which witnessed major episodes of intrusion by the People's Liberation Army, imports from China spiralled to over \$ 70 billion — roughly 14 per cent of all imports. India imports more from China than any other country.

Mind you since 2000 a flood of recommendations flowed from a plethora of committees — including one set up to 'Examine the Possibility of Replacing Multiple Prior Permissions with Pre-Existing Regulatory Mechanism'. There has been a parade of programmes and acronyms — SEZs, NIMZ et al. Success of declarations of transformation is best illustrated again by data.

In 1998, India imported electrical machinery worth \$ 90 million from China. By 2010, this spiralled to \$ 9 billion and by 2019, it touched \$ 20 billion. It could be argued that electrical equipment involves technology but what about other imports. Between 1998 and 2019, imports of furniture, mattress and light fittings went up from \$ 3.9 lakh to \$ 900 million and that of ceramics and glassware from \$ 4.1 million to \$ 958 million.

The prequels and sequels of messed up policies and missed opportunities stretch back decades. My book *Accidental India* chronicles how politics failed India's economy. In 1964, the Homi Bhabha Committee appointed by Jawaharlal Nehru after the 1962 debacle recommended focus on computer hardware and software, leveraging the Indian proficiency in maths.

Blinded by ideology, India drove out big tech such as IBM and missed the bus — the biggest hardware players are in Korea, Malaysia, Taiwan and China. India almost missed the bus in software too. The sector was grounded by the ban on import of computers and data communications all the way till 1991 when N Vittal conceptualised the idea of software technology parks.

The question is not just about what is imported but also why. The answer is competitiveness. In 1992, India's GDP was \$ 350 billion and that of China was \$ 390 billion. Three decades later, China's GDP is at \$ 15 trillion and India is at \$ 2.7 trillion. The gap is explained by competitiveness — China is the world's top goods exporter netting around \$ 2.5 trillion.

It is not that Indian companies are not competitive. India's two-wheelers are exported to over 30 countries. India is the global hub for design and export of compact cars. India's textile and garment companies supply to international brands and retailers. Success though has been few and far between primarily because politicians and babudom have persisted with and perpetuated inspector permission raj. India's share of manufacturing in its GDP is where it was in 1991 and has yo-yoed between 14 and 17 per cent.

Make in India, a grand idea, lacks legs to run. Competitiveness calls for liberation of factors of productivity. Land and labour continue to be trapped in confounding laws. Land acquisition can be eased using Article 254(2) of the Constitution but states are reluctant. A model labour code is languishing and even small steps to reform are stymied by war in the Parivar. Cost of capital is hostage to government borrowings driven by debt and deficit of Centre and states. Expenditure reforms and aggressive privatisation can free resources to retire debt and fund infrastructure. Every business is subject to inspections under 12 different Acts on any given day of any month. Clean up of regulatory cholesterol demands decentralisation.

The circumstance of the pandemic and the rethink across countries on supply chains present India a window to align and leverage democracy, demography and demand. There are opportunities galore. The roll out of 5G affords a window to craft policy to woo makers of network components and devices. Migration from fossil fuel to electric offers an opening to repurpose Indian Space Research Organisation's battery know-how for public transport and personal mobility. Countries are scouring the world for pharma and vaccine production. To start with, public sector enterprises on the divestment list could be designated as Special Economic Zones (SEZs), for design of a plug and play investment regime.

All of this calls for recasting economic security as national security, consistent political commitment to make things happen. The shift of orbit from dependence to scalable resilience could offer global investors a viable alternative and diminish the centrality of China in the global growth story. Now that would be a true tribute to the bravehearts.



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'CRAPPIEST TEAM' VS CHINA

POINT OF VIEW
T J S GEORGE

IT may sound anti-national, but it needs to be said: India is no match to China. They have a quality of Chineseness that holds them together and propels them to significant heights. They have a consistent national view while ours is a Congress view or a Modi view, depending on the season. Zhou Enlai, Deng Xiaoping and Xi Jinping are very different personalities with very different ambitions. But the Chineseness of China reigned supreme, irrespective of who was in power at a given period. The Indianness of India was never in evidence. The Nehruvianism, the Indiravism, the Vajpayenism superseded all else. Currently, Modiness devours all of past history and hopes to devour all of the future as well.

Modiness contains a good deal of confusion. On June 17, Foreign Minister S Jaishankar said the Chinese side sought to erect a structure in the Galwan Valley on our side of the Line of Actual Control. On June 19, the Prime Minister said no one had entered our territory. Jaishankar may be part of the problem. Throwing diplomatic delicacies to the winds, he praised the

American-sponsored "coalition of the willing" against China. This is an alliance of Australia, South Korea, Israel and Brazil under American leadership. How on earth can India fit into this? Jaishankar might have been a good civil servant. But as a minister appointed to promote a narrow philosophy, he seems to be struggling to find his feet.

India-China relations have always been lopsided at India's cost. Jawaharlal Nehru went out of his way to promote China's case at the Bandung Conference of non-aligned nations in 1955. But Zhou Enlai thought Nehru was being patronising to China. Things have not improved despite many moves made by the Modi Government to please China. In 2018, India decided to avoid events attended by Dalai Lama, a bete noire of China. Air India dropped the word Taiwan and accepted the term that China preferred: Chinese Taipei. When popular protests erupted in Hong Kong against China, India said not a word. On Tibet, always a sensitive topic for Beijing, Delhi has never said an inconvenient word.

But China seemed unimpressed by these gestures. It continued to oppose India's membership of the Nuclear Suppliers Group. It has consistently backed Pakistan against India on all issues, promoting the China Pakistan Economic Corridor through Kashmir.

No country has taken India's side on any of these issues despite Jaishankar's recent praise of the American-sponsored "coalition of the willing" against China.

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powerful motivation that drives China is the desire to prove that it is not one of "the two Asian giants" but the only Asian giant. Keeping the border tense is one way of achieving this end. For the purpose, it employs a military budget of US\$178 billion as against India's \$74 billion.

India's personality-based approach to foreign relations also helps China. In

recent months, the Modi approach has seen Nepal taking unfriendly action against India. It even approved a new map attaching to Nepal bits and pieces of territory that are, to put it mildly, disputed. The Modi Government has uneasy relations with Afghanistan and Bangladesh as well as with Pakistan. The borders are alive with the sound of friction.

In the midst of it all "China is quietly winning the battle that really matters, the battle for prosperity and power," as a professor at the Free University of Brussels put it. "In recent years, China has built at lightning speed modern infrastructure in Tibet. Last year alone, 2,000 km of road, 150 km of railway, more than 100 bridges and tunnels were completed." On the India side, 73 new roads planned for the border have been delayed for 10 years.

I do not have the courage of my esteemed friend Aakar Patel. So I cannot express bold views boldly as he does. I, therefore, borrow his words to say what I wish to say. And his words are: "Goyal is glorified shopkeeper. Jaishankar has scholar brother and pop was strategist but himself neither. Have met Sitharaman. She dumb as a rock. Doval only partially sane. Modi A Team is reflection of him and Amit. This is without doubt the crappiest leadership in our history."

TRUMP HITS THE PAUSE BUTTON ON H-1B VISA

OPINION
PINAK RANJAN CHAKRAVARTY
Former High Commissioner to Bangladesh & Secretary in MEA

PRESIDENT Donald Trump is not having a smooth ride. The road is getting rougher for the US President in an election year. American voters will be casting their ballots in November. Most American Presidents have been able to get re-elected for a second four-year term without much exertion. Riding a wave of popularity that began during the election campaign, with his "America First" and "Make America Great Again" slogans and an economy bouncing back in the pre-COVID era, Trump is now trailing his Democratic presidential rival Joe Biden by several percentage points. Biden's lead is growing and President Trump's reactions are becoming more intemperate, displaying some signs of nervousness. Twitter has had to flag his tweets as objectionable. The ban on H-1B visa, new Green Cards and some other visa categories — promulgated by a presidential executive order on June 2 — has to be viewed in this context.

The raging China-origin COVID pandemic in the US has skyrocketed, making it top of the global list for infections and deaths. The Trump administration's response to the pandemic has been patchy and incoherent, caught between the opposing pressure of whether to put healthcare first and saving lives or to protect the economy. Most countries are on the horns of a similar dilemma. The Black Lives Matter (BLM) movement has been triggered off by a police force, widely regarded as racist, in its violent response to African-Americans. Random killings and maiming of African-American suspects by American police has set off a wild-fire of protests across the country. Riots and looting have broken out in many cities. The BLM movement is taking its



own toll on society and political discourse.

Trump's reaction has been far from sympathetic. Instead, he has warned protesters that he will deploy the armed forces to quell the protests. The American military leadership is increasingly uneasy with such announcements by the President. The US Congress has geared up to pass a new legislation on police reforms which is expected to cause another round of partisan debate between Democrats and Republicans in the US Senate.

Though immigration has been a subject of divisive debate in American politics, Trump's hard-line views on immigration has resonated with his vote bank. His move to temporarily ban issue of H-1B and related work visa for foreign workers, is motivated by his desire to reclaim some of his dwindling popularity in the presidential race. The ban on H-1B visa, till after the November election, is expected to contribute around 5.25 lakh jobs, at a time when the COVID pandemic has caused millions of job losses.

At last count, job losses were hovering around 40 million. Millions of Americans and legal residents have signed up for government welfare, and Goldman Sachs has estimated that 25 per cent of the workforce may be with-

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out a job in the near future. President Trump has claimed that "between February and April of 2020, more than 17 million United States jobs were lost in industries in which employers are seeking to fill worker positions tied to H-2B non-immigrant visas." The justification for the ban is to keep at bay the threat to employment opportunities for Americans caused by the COVID pandemic.

Both the Indian and American IT industry have protested the ban. Technology giants like Google, Facebook, Amazon and Tesla have been vocal in their criticism. The Indian IT industry has

also reacted adversely, and NASSCOM has urged the Trump Administration to limit the ban to 90 days. There are about 4 lakh Indians holding H-1B visa and around 1 lakh holding L-1 visa in the US, working in the American IT sector. The immediate impact will be on costs that Indian IT companies operating in the US, since they will have to hire local Americans at higher wages or move work to the back-end in India.

Any prolonged ban will cause human resource disruption in the IT industry which has become the backbone of India-US bilateral bonds. Canada will be a likely collateral beneficiary of this, as skilled professionals will prefer a welcoming Canada, rather than an unwelcoming US.

President Trump's obsessive focus on trade deficit has led to a trade war with China that has not been resolved, despite several rounds of negotiations. Though the US's trade imbalance with India is around \$24 billion, certainly not a large figure, it has become enmeshed in the debate on trade deficit. India-US trade is now one of the pillars of bilateral ties. Bilateral trade in goods and services have grown to around \$142 billion in 2018, rising from a mere \$16 billion in 1999, making India the eight largest trading partner of the US.

India's official reaction has been low key. Apart from acknowledging that it will impact adversely on the IT sector which is an important pillar of bilateral trade, the MEA has announced consultations with stakeholders on this issue. The ban is unlikely to cause a huge upheaval in technology trade and may be a blip on the screen for overall ties. With the bloody clashes in Ladakh and China making aggressive moves along the LAC, threatening Taiwan, Hong Kong and all countries in the South China Sea littoral, Asia's future is being jeopardised by Beijing's overweening ambition and increasing rogue behaviour. The world is grappling with the China-origin COVID virus and stabilising ties among the major powers is the need of the hour. China's aggressive actions have cast a shadow and will have negative impact globally. India-US ties are strong enough to ride over the temporary H-1B visa ban, at a time when China is becoming the migraine of the world.



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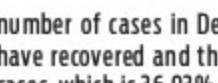
Ramdev's absurd claim

It is a well-known fact that Ramdev was a staunch BJP supporter and was partly instrumental in its attempts to gain power during the 2014 general elections. In return, his Patanjali Ayurved business expanded considerably by leaps and bounds with covert government support. This mutual beneficial relationship, perhaps, made him think that his announcement of an 'Ayurvedic cure' for COVID-19, perhaps, would get past approvals without any hitch, but unfortunately for him the government wanted him to prove his claims first with credible evidence. The government cannot take any chance when it concerns the health of the people and their lives already threatened by the virus.

V. Padmanabhan, Bengaluru

A stitch in time saves nine

Delhi now has the highest number of total COVID-19 cases, surpass Mumbai. Though the total



INDIRA HAD HER FAILINGS

number of cases in Delhi is high, 44,765 people have recovered and there are only 26,586 active cases, which is 36.03% of the total cases. Officials have started preparing for a 100% survey of households in containment zones and a comprehensive survey of the rest of the city. Mumbai did well in case of Dharavi but could not sustain the same level of treatment and follow-up and the pandemic went far and wide in the metro city. Had the states taken proper care in social distancing, this situation could have been averted.

CK Subramaniam, Navi Mumbai

Indira had her failings

Indira Gandhi might have been a ruthlessly able administrator, and a good-looking crafty mass leader who had the advantage of having a political starting block installed by her illustrious father. But, she stands out, till date the most unapologetic public leader for imposing the infamous Emergency, which imprisoned democracy, fundamental rights and nationhood, which the Indian National Congress haven't been able to shirk off (Point of



View by TJS George; June 14, 2020)

George Jacob, Kochi

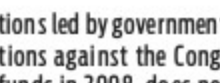
Red tape a stumbling block

With reference to the column 'A new deal for our country's farmers' (June 27), our hapless farmers seem to have been emancipated by the number of ordinances which are timely. However, the same should not get stuck up in bureaucratic channels in different states. Sincere implementation of the amended rules is need of the hour. Moreover, adequate infrastructure like vibrant physical and virtual markets, connectivity by roads, broadband services and cold storages are complimentary requirements which should be taken care of at local levels to reap the benefits.

AM Chakravarty, Hyderabad

PM can't go uncashed

With great power comes great responsibility. If the PM can take credit for all the achievements of the government/Army, he should also take responsibility of the Chinese incursion. Ducking valid ques-



tions led by government mouthpieces, with allegations against the Congress for accepting Chinese funds in 2008, does not absolve this government of the monstrous mismanagement leading to the loss of 20 lives. Questions should be answered by the ruling dispensation in power for the last six years, not the opposition which has been relegated to insignificance. Coming up with puerile counter allegations is diversionary and petty.

Smitha Rajesh, Chalakudy

Stabilise oil prices

During Covid times, frequent hike in price of petrol and diesel being enforced by the Centre will aggravate miseries of people. Hapless people don't understand why despite getting crude cheap, India is selling oil at high rates. A sizable portion of oil prices is constituted by way of tax or duty only. In short, only if oil price is brought under GST, it can be kept under control. Daily life of people is being ruined by anti-people welfare oriented policy of government for no valid reasons

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Covid-19 is spreading rapidly into new parts of the country. GOI has no plan to defeat it. PM is silent



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Pak offers to reopen Kartarpur, India sceptical

India questions timing of announcement; to take decision after talks with stakeholders

PUSHKAR BANAKAR & HARPREET BAIJWA @ New Delhi and Chandigarh

PAKISTAN on Saturday said that it is ready to open the Kartarpur Corridor from June 29, three months after it was closed due to the coronavirus pandemic, even as India questioned the proposal. India has said that it will take any decision only after consultation with health authorities and other stakeholders.

The announcement about Pakistan's intention to open the Corridor was made by Pakistan Foreign Affairs Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi.

"As places of worship open up across the world, Pakistan prepares to reopen the Kartarpur Sahib Corridor for all Sikh pilgrims, conveying to the Indian side our readiness to reopen the Corridor on 29 June 2020, the occasion of the death anniversary of Maharaja Ranjeet Singh," he tweeted.

However, India expressed concerns over the timing and motive of this announcement. Sources said that Pakistan is trying to create a 'mirage of goodwill' with the proposal to resume pilgrimage by giving only a two-day notice. The bilateral agreement between both

countries on the Corridor states that the information has to be shared by both sides at least seven days before the date of travel.

"Cross border movement has been suspended temporarily to prevent and contain the spread of coronavirus. Any decision on the issue will be taken in consultation with health authorities and other stakeholders," sources said.

Also, sources said that Pakistan is yet to build a bridge across the Ravi river despite agreeing for its construction in the bilateral agreement.

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"With the advent of monsoon, it would need to be evaluated whether pilgrim movement is possible through the Corridor in a safe and secure manner," said an official.

Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC), President Gobind Singh Longowal said, "As the union government has already opened all religion places across the country it should also make an effort to open Kartarpur Sahib Corridor." The Kartarpur Corridor has been closed since March 16 as a precautionary measure to contain and control the spread of the Covid-19 disease.

Maharashtra registers over 10,000 new cases in 2 days

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THE data shows that the positive cases are rising mainly because of Delhi, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Haryana, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. While Maharashtra has the highest number of cases in the country, there has been a sudden spike in the state in the last two days, as the cases have gone up by over 10,000 in 48 hours. Similarly, Delhi has started witnessing a large number of fresh Covid-19 cases as it is recording a daily addition of more than 3,000 cases. The national capital has added over 25,000 cases in the last one week as the number of testing has also gone up. After the Centre's intervention, the city has been testing between 15,000 and 19,000 samples every day.

STEPPING UP HEAT

Why no CAG audit of RGF funds, Nadda questions

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

BJP chief **J P Nadda** on Saturday questioned why the Rajiv Gandhi Foundation (RGF) was not audited by the CAG despite getting a lot of funds from the central government. He also asked why the foundation was kept out of the scope of the Right to Information (RTI) Act.

Nadda also claimed that RGF worked with the China Association for Internationally Friendly Contact (CAIFC). He charged that CAIFC was just a vehicle of the Central Military Commission of China with the principal mandate to infiltrate and influence top voices in other countries. After coming out with the donor list of the RGF during

the UPA dispensation (2004-14), Nadda on Saturday posed a set of 10 questions to the Congress chief Sonia Gandhi, asking the Opposition party to come clear on its ties with China.

He also wondered how did the RGF, a private charitable trust, got Jawahar Bhawan as its office on perpetual lease.

"Dr Manmohan Singh as the Finance Minister in 1991 allocated ₹100 crore to the RGF in the Budget speech. Yet the RGF wasn't audited by the CAG, while also being out of the scope of the RTI," Nadda asked. Nadda on Saturday wondered why a firm headed by a Congress leader had been auditing the emergency fund to address financial challenges posed by national calamities.



'CHINA MAY RETURN WITH MORE VIGOUR'

AMID the face-off between India and China along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Ladakh, Jayadeva Ranade, former Additional Secretary, RAW, in Cabinet Secretariat, says, "We need to be prepared and alert. China may take a step back and come back with greater vigour at what their target is."

He says, "They are testing us and want to tire us out. They also want to know India's political will and stand on the issue. How long they will hold on is difficult to predict."

"One of the more important reasons for their huge military deployment could be to distract the attention of the Chinese people from their domestic issues and growing discontent against President Xi Jinping," says Ranade, presently president of the Centre for China Analysis and Strategy, in an interview to **Bala Chauhan**. Excerpts:

What are the reasons behind the huge build-up of the People's Liberation Army along the LAC in the Galwan Valley?
There could be a number of reasons. Though the abroga-

tion of Article 370 and 35A is India's internal issue, it could have unsettled the Chinese because we have stated that Aksai Chin belongs to India. This must have raised their apprehensions because China doesn't want to jeopardise its strategic and financial investment in the \$46 billion China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), which runs through Gilgit-Baltistan in Pakistan-occupied-Kashmir (PoK) to Gwadar in Pakistan. The corridor is an integral part of Beijing's \$900 billion Belt and Road Initiative, which India has rejected. China will want to cut off our access to Daulat Beg Oldi and Aksai Chin because of their apprehensions on the CPEC. Other reasons, and important, for their huge military deployment could be that there are unprecedented demands for President Xi Jinping to step down because of his policies and the way he mishandled the Covid-19 outbreak in Wuhan. The third reason would be China's insecurity over our growing proximity with the US.

How long do you think will the LAC standoff continue?
The PLA deployment and action along the LAC has been planned, authorised and co-ordinated by President Xi Jinping, who is also the commander in chief of the PLA. The entire 4,057-km length of the India-China border is under the operational jurisdiction of the PLA Western Theatre Command, which is the largest of China's five Theatre Commands. Work on the deployment must have started some months ago because it requires planning, money and manpower from different commands. Given that, they will not disengage so easily. The latest reports state that they have now moved to the Depsang



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plains, while Galwan is still "live". They want to see our military response and preparedness. They also want to know India's political will and stand on the issue.

Galwan historically belongs to India. By camping and refusing to move from patrolling points, what does China want to convey to us and the rest of the world?

Galwan Valley has patrolling points, where both Indian and Chinese troops patrol. Neither side can camp on the site. China has not accepted these territories — where the intrusions have occurred — as Indian territories but as disputed. They want to convey that they are the big boys and can change the LAC. It is possible that they are being egged on by Pakistan, which is impacted by the abrogation of Article 370 and 35A. I have been saying for a long time that Beijing is no friend of New Delhi. We are now negotiating our territory.

The recent developments in an otherwise friendly neighbourhood — Nepal — are worrisome. What could be the provocation? We should have handled Nepal

better and much earlier before their second Constitutional amendment putting Limpiyadhura, Lipulekh and Kalapani — all territories now claimed to be disputed with India — within their borders. We should mobilise the Nepalese people's support before it's too late.

Is it time for India to have a relook at the foreign policy?

We need to have a real look at our foreign policy keeping in mind the malevolent China factor. We need to see how we can retain our influence.

How do we engage with China? Will call for boycott of Chinese goods really help considering China is India's biggest trade partner?

We need to have a more careful and focussed approach. India is the second biggest market after the US and Europe for China. Cutting off trade relations entirely is neither feasible nor a possibility. China will also react strongly. We must identify sectors of national importance such as telecommunications, healthcare and precision engineering among others and manufacture those products indigenously.

Chinese deployment along Arunachal 'normal'

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

WHILE China has deployed large number of troops along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Ladakh, the People's Liberation Army has kept its deployments opposite Arunachal Pradesh normal.

However, officers feel that the contest to seize an upper hand by other means is still going on. Arunachal is where the last bloody clash between the two countries had taken place before the recent face-off in Galwan. Four Assam Rifles troops were ambushed at Tulung La and killed by Chinese on October 20, 1975.

According to a senior Army officer in Arunachal Pradesh, "The Chinese deployment along the LAC in Arunachal Pradesh is normal. There is no change in the patrolling pattern also."

"Unlike the initial days of COVID-19, soldiers from both sides are meeting along the borders during routine patrolling and are communicating as per protocol like any normal day," said the officer. India has made precautionary deployments after the incidents of Naku La, Sikkim and Eastern Ladakh, he added.

However, another Senior Army officer who served in the area feels the game from the Chinese side is not over. "The contest now is to seize the initiative. China is applying psychological, operational and



Operational stalemate along the LAC

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An Apache helicopter flies from Leh Air Base on Saturday amid border tensions with China | PTI

even diplomatic means to have an upper hand in negotiations," he said.

The Chinese deployment opposite Arunachal is appearing normal because of the stalemate achieved after the Chinese mobilisations, the officer said. "The first incident at Finger 4 along the northern flank of Pangong Tso, Eastern Ladakh and then in Naku La, Sikkim were diversionary actions by China."

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Both sides have been talking through military and diplomatic channels since the stand-off started on the intervening night of May 5 and 6 when the troops clashed at Finger 4.

'Use diplomatic channels, not force to solve issue'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

INDIAN-American Congressman and Chairman of the House Foreign Sub-committee on Asia, **Ami Bera** on Friday urged China to settle boundary issues diplomatically with India rather than using force.

"I encourage China to use its longstanding diplomatic mechanisms with India to de-escalate the situation rather than force to settle boundary issues. While this is a matter between China and India, it is my view that increasing mili-

tary forces on either side of the Line of Actual Control will be counterproductive and unhelpful," he said in a series of tweets.

Bera said also said that he is concerned by the continued Chinese aggression along its border with India. The US Congressman's comments come amid escalation of tension along the India-China border.

Both countries have accused each other of being responsible for the violent face-off in Galwan Valley area on June 15 that led to the death of 20 Indian soldiers.

The contest now is to seize the initiative. China is applying psychological, operational and even diplomatic means in order to have an upper hand in negotiations — Senior Army officer

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SANE WORDS

Ex-Chinese army soldier with family in India, bats for peace

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

INDIA and China should fight the coronavirus together instead of its troops killing each other at the line of actual control. This is not the view of a peacenik, a Sinologist or much less an Indophile.

These are the words of **Raj Bahadur** aka **Wang Qi**, a former Chinese PLA soldier who entered India in 1963, months after the 1962 India-China war, and has lived in India since then. "What can I say, I am a small man. Both countries are run by masters who know what's good for their national interest," said Wang, 80, who now lives in Tirodi, a small hamlet in the Balaghat district of Madhya Pradesh.

Stressing that both India and China were close to his heart, Wang told this newspaper from Tirodi: "Don't fight each other; the real killer is the novel coronavirus, which has

killed thousands and lakhs across the world."

Just 22 years old in 1963, Wang accidentally strayed into Arunachal Pradesh. That is officially. But the less charitable version is that the Chinese army sent him on a spying mission to India. In the months after the war, tension and suspicion were still high between the two nations and the military build-up on both sides was huge.

Wang was caught and the Red Cross handed him over to Indian security forces. He subsequently spent nearly seven years in different jails of Rajasthan, Punjab and UP before being released on a court order in March 1969. He was ordered to be rehabilitated in Madhya Pradesh, which brought him to Balaghat district.

In Tirodi, the owner of a flour mill where he got employment christened him **Raj Bahadur** for his "Nepali-like looks."



Raj Bahadur aka Wang Qi feels all should fight Covid together | EXPRESS

Years later he married a local girl, **Sushila Mohite**, who died in October 2017. They have three children, two daughters and a son, besides grandchildren, all of whom are Indian nationals.

Wang appealed to India and

China to set aside their differences and pool in their scientific resources to build a weapon to tame the coronavirus. "War and conflict never does any good, it will only destroy families. Both India and China along with other countries

need to save human lives."

In February 2017, Wang returned to China for the first time to be reunited with his Chinese siblings after 54 years. HE has returned to India several times since then. The last time he got an Indian visa to visit his family in Tirodi was in September 2019, which was valid for six months till March 2020.

But India went into lockdown on March 25, with a ban on international travel, forcing Wang into an extended India visit. Vishnu Wang, his son, said they had informed the authorities in New Delhi and Beijing about his father's inability to return to China because of the lockdown.

He said the India-China face-off along the LAC had heightened tension between the two nations but no one in Tirodi had created any trouble. "My papa is enjoying life with his grand children."

	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	37	26	Mumbai	32	27
Bhopal	34	24	Panaji	30	27
Jaipur	39	30	Patna	33	27
Amritsar	39	29	Lucknow	32	26
Chennai	38	29	Port Blair	31	27
Kolkata	33	27	Imphal	29	22
Srinagar	32	13	Chandigarh	40	28

'Book groups using kids for stone pelting'

NCPCR asks J&K administration to start booking individuals and organisations under JJ Act for using children

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @ New Delhi

COUNTRY'S apex child rights body has asked Jammu and Kashmir administration to start booking individuals and organisations using children in illegal activities such as stone pelting against security forces under the Juvenile Justice Act.

The directions come following the first-ever visit by senior National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) authorities to the Union Territory ahead of Covid-19 lockdown in March.

It is only after reorganisation of J&K last year that it has come under the purview of the child rights' body and the Commissions for Protection of Child Rights (CPCR) Act, 2005. "Implementation of section 83 of the JJ Act, 2015 for chil-



dren who are misguided by insurgent groups in J-K is recommended," the commission has suggested to the local administration and the Union Women and Child Development Ministry in the recently submitted report. Section 83 of the JJ Act stipulates seven years or imprisonment and up to ₹7 lakh

cash fine for any adult or group of adults for using children for any illegal activities either individually or collectively.

Many individuals in several parts of the country, especially Uttar Pradesh were booked under the clause during the anti-Citizenship Amendment Act protests in December, following

Not only are children used by terrorist organisations for fuelling anti-country activities, they are also deprived of their own rights

Priyank Kanoongo, NCPCR chairperson

a nudge by the NCPCR.

The Commission has also recommended training for the UT police for implementing sections 15 and 18 of the act under which minors aged 16-18 can be tried as adults for heinous crimes, if permitted by the juvenile justice board.

NCPCR chairperson Priyank Kanoongo who led the five-member team to the UT said that these provisions are especially significant for J & K, dealing with the problem of insurgency since decades.

"Not only are children ram-

pantly used by terrorist and insurgent organisations for fuelling anti-country activities, they are also deprived of their own rights as children," he told this newspaper.

Kanoongo also stressed that many juveniles who later emerge as "self-styled poster boys" of terrorism in J & K are often inducted young. "We want strict provisions of the act be strictly followed in spirit in the state so that such practices stop," he added.

Among other recommendations, the Commission has suggested separation of shelter homes meant for boys and girls, implementation of the Right to Education act and initiating procedures for orphan children living in children home to declare them legally free for adoption.

CLARIFICATION

Covid patient not on our payroll: NTPC

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

THE National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (NTPC) has denied that the person tested coronavirus positive at their Lara power plant premises in Raigarh (Chhattisgarh) is their employee. Its response came after the district collector ordered to file an FIR against NTPC management for their alleged negligence.

"The person found Covid positive and staying in a rented accommodation is not an NTPC employee. He was engaged by M/s Lloyd Insulation, a sub-agency of M/s Siemens that has been awarded work by NTPC. The person had in fact left Lara prior to lockdown," NTPC spokesperson Ashutosh Nayak stated.

The person has returned to Raigarh on June 21 and has self-quarantined. His sample was collected and he tested positive, Nayak said.

The Raigarh collector Bhim Singh said that the NTPC officials visited him with their clarification and he might give them a benefit of doubt. "I will order an FIR against the company outsourced by the NTPC," the collector said.

Sinha hints at floating party ahead of Bihar polls

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ Patna

WITH just a few months left for state assembly elections, former finance minister and BJP leader Yashwant Sinha on Saturday announced his entry into Bihar politics by hinting to float a new political front.

Claiming to bring a vibrant and people-caring political alternative to the Nitish Kumar-led NDA government in the state, Sinha hinted to float a new party for which the political nomenclature would soon be announced. "Bihar needs an effective people-caring and performing political alternative; not an alliance that thrives on promises and propagandas," Sinha, a bureaucrat-turned politician said while addressing media on Saturday in Patna.

Sinha announcing the formation of a new front to oust the Nitish Kumar government from power said that the new front would be led by him for the welfare of Bihar, which has plunged into chaos and corruption.

"Several politicians from Bihar have already joined the movement under my leadership to rescue the state from clutches of failed government of NDA," he said. Sinha detailed that the upcoming new political front by him will work under the slogan: "Es Bar Badlo Bihar" ("This time



Several politicians from Bihar have already joined the movement under my leadership to rescue the state from clutches of failed government of NDA

Yashwant Sinha, former union finance minister

(bringing) change in Bihar).

Lashing out at Nitish Kumar, Sinha said: "All of us had expected development from a man, who claims and calls himself 'sushashan babu' (good governance babu), yet Bihar is the poorest in the country."

On virtual campaigning, which is in trend nowadays due to the pandemic, Sinha said, "The virtual campaigning is nothing but cheating which benefits only the affluent parties."

OBJECTION

Prasar Bharati issues notice to news agency

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

PUBLIC broadcaster Prasar Bharati has sent a strong letter to the Press Trust of India for its "anti-national reporting" and said it would review its relationship with the news agency, government sources said on Saturday.

Prasar Bharati, which runs Doordarshan and All India Radio, both government-owned, also told PTI that a decision on the relationship would be communicated to it soon.

The Prasar Bharati's "strongly-worded" letter has expressed "deep displeasure on anti-national reporting by PTI" which "did not make it tenable to continue the relationship," a senior official at the public broadcaster said.

The official said the broadcaster said had been "supporting PTI with huge annual fees running into crores since decades. PTI has been rigid on a review of the same since 2016-17." "Now in totality of PTI's conduct, Prasar Bharati is reviewing its relationship. A final decision on the same will be conveyed soon," the official said.

In a statement, PTI said "we have received a letter from Prasar Bharati this afternoon. We are examining it

and will respond in due course with the facts."

The broadcaster's letter comes days after PTI, India's largest news agency, interviewed the Chinese ambassador to India, Sun Weidong, who blamed India for the face-off between the armies of the two countries in eastern Ladakh, resulting in the June 15 violent clash.

In the interview, Sun said the onus of the dispute was not on China. Blaming the Indian side, he said:

"The Indian side crossed the LAC for provocation and attacked the Chinese border troops. The Indian forces seriously violated agreements on border issues between the two countries and severely violated basic norms governing international relations."

Attaching a link to the shorter version of the interview posted on the Chinese embassy's official website, Sun tweeted:

"Gave interview to PTI on #GalwanValley Incident. Onus is not on #China. We are willing & able to properly manage differences. Mutual respect & support is sure way. Suspicion & friction is wrong path. Will jointly uphold peace & stability in border areas, ensure sound & steady relations."

Uttarakhand: No clarity on Char Dham Yatra yet

VINEET UPADHYAY @ Dehradun

AS cases of Covid-19 continue to spike in Uttarakhand, uncertainty looms large on Char Dham Yatra.

Ravinath Raman, chief executive of Char Dham Devasthanam Board said, "The meeting to decide on the issue is scheduled next week. We have asked feedback of all 13 district magistrates of the state. Many factors including spread of Covid-19, volume of pilgrims from state and elsewhere and risks involved have to be taken into consideration."

At present, till Saturday a total Covid-19 infection cases

in the hill state stood 2,725 out of which 1,822 have recovered from the fatal infection.

Senior officials from the state government said that even of the yatra is allowed to resume from next month, there are chances that only pilgrims from Uttarakhand will be allowed in limited numbers with safety precautions.

Earlier this month, the number of pilgrims was fixed to 800 for Kedarnath, 1200 for Badrinath, 600 for Gangotri and 400 for Yamunotri shrine.

The state government had banned any pilgrims except home districts of the revered shrines.

Flying locust visit to Delhi, Gurugram

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

@ New Delhi/ Chandigarh

THE locust attack in Gurugram and outer areas of the national capital on Saturday morning sent the authorities into tizzy. However, they heaved a sigh of relief as the swarm moved towards Uttar Pradesh.

The Delhi government sounded alert in two districts, south and west, as the locusts were spotted on the outskirts — Chhattarpur, Asola Bhati Mines and Dwarka. "A large group of locusts was heading towards Palwal in Haryana. However, a small segment entered Delhi's Asola Bhati area on the border," said Delhi's environment minister Gopal Rai.

The Delhi Air Traffic Control asked pilots of all airlines to take necessary precautions during landing and take-off as the deadly pests were flying near the Gurugram-Dwarka Expressway. A team was set up to monitor the situation. However, airport authorities said the flight operations remained unaffected as locusts changed their course.

In the morning, the locust swarms invaded Gurugram. The clouds of pests covered large parts of the city. The pests had started flying to Faridabad in the afternoon, and further to Palwal. From there, they moved towards UP.

Assam flood situation grim; 2 dead, 4.6L affected

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

TWO were killed while over 4.62 lakh were affected across 21 districts as the flood situation in Assam turned worse. With these, the death toll in the deluge rose to 18. Twenty-one others were killed in landslides earlier.

Fresh incidents of landslides were reported from three districts on Saturday. However, no deaths or injured were reported. In Guwahati, the district administration advised people, living in landslide-prone areas, to shift to safer locations.

Official sources said incessant rains for the past few days flooded almost all major rivers, including the Brahmaputra. The floodwater inundated sev-

eral residential localities of Dibrugarh. Cropland affected in the state was in areas of over 37,313 hectares. The authorities set up 132 relief camps in ten districts where 19,496 of the marooned were taking shelter. A flood alert was sounded in Bongaigaon, Chirang, Sonitpur, Kamrup (Metro) and Goalpara districts.

The one-horned rhino fame Kaziranga National Park was partially inundated which forced the animals to move towards highlands. "Of the 178 camps, the areas of 78 camps were inundated. Animals such as rhinos, elephants, deer etc already started moving towards neighbouring Karbi Anglong hills," park's Director P Sivakumar said.

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P Sivakumar, KNP director

Locals cross a flooded area on a make-shift raft in Nagaon district in Assam on Saturday | PTI



Amphan aftermath: Forest dept to plant trees

The forest department will plant trees along some of the Kolkata's arterial thoroughfares where the city's greenery was ravaged by cyclone Amphan last month. Though it is the Kolkata Municipal Corporation's responsibility for plantation in the state capital, this time the forest department has been asked to do the job, said an official of forest department. The roads where the forest department will plant trees include Southern Avenue, Ballygunge Circular Road, Park Street, Gariahat Road, Syed Amir Ali Avenue, EM Bypass and Rashbehari Avenue-Ruby connector.



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KOLKATA DIARY

NUJS raise funds to send migrants back home

The students of the National University of Juridical Sciences (NUJS), Kolkata, raised fund and sent 180 migrant workers stranded in Mumbai because of the lockdown to Dehradun in a chartered aircraft. The students started a fundraiser and collected ₹15 lakh within four days, said a member of Students' Juridical Association, the students' body of the NUJS. To enable workers to reach home from the airport, transport was organised by the students in coordination with the local administration and NGOs. Arrangements were made to transport them to Mumbai airport. A section of NUJS students had started planning to help the workers after they learn their plight. When the lockdown was relaxed, the students got in touch with three NGOs in Mumbai to help identify the workers.



KMC to work on building additional electric pyres

The Kolkata Municipal Corporation has started work on building two additional electric pyres at the Dhapa crematorium where people dying from Covid-19 are being cremated. The crematorium has two pyres but the civic body's officials said they were working on the capacity to ensure there was no delay in cremation. After cyclone Amphan hit the state capital, a queue of Covid-19 bodies had formed as power supply to the crematorium had snapped. The crematorium was earlier used to cremate unclaimed bodies.

Archdiocese-run schools to waive fees

Eight unaided ICSE schools run directly by the archdiocese of Kolkata will waive half of their annual fees. 50% waiver on annual fees will be granted to all students. Though there is no waiver on monthly tuition fees, relaxation will be given to students. Five of the archdiocese-run schools in Kolkata are St Aloysius Orphanage Day School, Loyola High School, St Mary's School, Meghmalaya Roy Education Centre and Marian Day Centre. The rests three in Kharagpur in West Midnapore are Sacred Heart High School, St Joseph's High School and Christopher Day School.



4.95 lakh deaths

recorded worldwide due to Covid-19 as of Saturday, as per the Johns Hopkins University virus tracker



Beijing	30	21	LC	Los Angeles	23	17	LC
Colombo	31	26	TDS	Melbourne	12	0	LC
Doha	43	29	SNY	Moscow	24	13	TDS
Dubai	41	29	SNY	New York	29	21	TDS
Houston	32	25	LC	Singapore	32	27	TDS
Istanbul	30	19	SNY	Toronto	28	17	LC
London	20	12	LC	Washington DC	31	22	LC

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain
TDS: Thunderstorm • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

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NEW YORK

Graphic designer behind 'I love NY' logo dies at 91

Milton Glaser, the groundbreaking graphic designer who adorned Bob Dylan's silhouette with psychedelic hair and summed up the feelings for his native New York with "I (HEART) NY," died Friday, his 91st birthday. The cause was a stroke and Glaser had also had renal failure. He was part of the team that founded New York magazine with Clay Felker in the late '60s.



BEIJING

China's Starbucks rival to delist from Nasdaq

LuKin Coffee, a Starbucks rival in China, said Saturday it will delist from the Nasdaq following a massive fraud scandal that sent its share price plummeting. The chain fired its chief executive Jenny Zhiya Qian and chief operating officer Liu Jian in May after an internal investigation into fabricated transactions. Liu has been accused of faking \$310 million in sales.



LONDON

UK may scrap 14-day rule for quarantine for visitors

Britain's government is moving to make summer vacation travel possible as it moves to ease restrictions. The government is expected to scrap a 14-day quarantine rule that forced people to self-isolate upon returning home from abroad. It will be replaced with a traffic light system, with countries in green, amber and red categories based on virus cases.



LOS ANGELES

Adult film star Ron Jeremy pleads not guilty to 3 rapes

Adult film star Ron Jeremy pleaded not guilty Friday to charges of raping three women and sexually assaulting a fourth. Jeremy, 67, whose real name is Ronald Jeremy Hyatt, entered the plea at his arraignment in a downtown Los Angeles courtroom to three counts of rape. Jeremy is among the best known actors in the history of the adult film industry.



DUBLIN

New PM elected in Ireland months after February poll

Fianna Fail leader Micheal Martin was elected Saturday as Ireland's new prime minister, replacing Leo Varadkar as the country's Taoiseach during a special sitting of the Dail parliament. Martin's election follows months of negotiations between his centre right party, Fine Gael and the Green Party, to reach an agreement following elections in February.



PARIS

Six arrested over Banksy artwork stolen from Paris

Six people have been arrested in France over the theft of an artwork by Banksy commemorating the victims of the 2015 Paris attacks that was stolen from the Bataclan concert hall, sources said Saturday. The artwork, an image of a girl in mourning painted on one of the Paris venue's emergency doors, was found in Italy earlier in the month, sources told AFP.



CAIRO

Egypt eases restrictions despite surge in cases

Egypt on Saturday lifted many restrictions put in place against the coronavirus pandemic, reopening cafes, clubs, gyms and theaters after more than three months of closure, despite a continued upward trend in new infections. Authorities also allowed the limited reopening of mosques and churches, and lifted the nighttime curfew.

FB to label hate posts - even Trump's

Social network's reversal comes after big advertisers decided to boycott platform

MAJOR BRANDS THAT HAVE JOINED THE BOYCOTT

- Unilever
- Coca-Cola
- Eddir Bauer
- Honda Motor Co
- Verizon
- Magnolia Pictures
- North Face
- Patagonia
- Upwork
- REI
- Levi's
- Hershey's

Trump moves to protect monuments

US President Donald Trump on Friday signed an executive order pledging to enforce prosecution for protesters who vandalize public memorials, as he announced he was skipping a weekend at his New Jersey golf resort to ensure "LAW & ORDER" in Washington. Trump's order follows a wave of civil unrest across America triggered by the killing of unarmed African American George Floyd, who died while a white police officer knelt on his neck. In some cities, protesters have pulled down or vandalized statues and memorials of historical figures — such as Confederate leaders — who defended slavery. "Long prison terms for these lawless acts against our Great Country!" Trump tweeted.



OAKLAND

FACEBOOK said on Friday that it will flag all "newsworthy" posts from politicians that break its rules, including those from President Donald Trump.

Separately, Facebook's stock dropped more than 8%, erasing roughly \$50 billion from its market valuation, after the European company behind brands such as Ben & Jerry's and Dove announced it would boycott Facebook ads through the end of the year over the amount of hate speech and divisive rhetoric on its platform. Later in the day, Coca-Cola also announced it joined the boycott for at least 30 days. CEO Mark Zuckerberg had previously refused to take action against Trump posts suggesting that mail-in ballots will lead to voter fraud, saying that people deserved to hear unfiltered statements from leaders. Twitter, by contrast, slapped a "get the facts" label on them.

Until Friday, Trump's posts with identical wording to those labeled on Twitter remained untouched on Facebook, sparking criticism from Trump's opponents as well as current and former Facebook employees. Now, Facebook is all but certain to face off with the president the next time he posts something the company deems to be violating its rules.

"The policies we're implementing today are designed to

address the reality of the challenges our country is facing and how they're showing up across our community," Zuckerberg wrote on his Facebook page announcing the changes.

Zuckerberg said the social network is taking additional steps to counter election-related misinformation. In particular, the social network will begin adding new labels to all posts about voting that will direct users to authoritative information from state and local election officials.

Power of social media

Ethan Zuckerman, director of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Center for Civic Media, said the changes are a "reminder of how powerful Facebook may be in terms of spreading disinformation during the upcoming election." He said the voting labels will depend on how good Facebook's artificial intelligence is at identifying posts to label.

"If every post that mentions voting links, people will start ignoring those links. If they're targeted to posts that say things like 'Police will be checking warrants and unpaid traffic tickets at polls' — a classic voter suppression disinfo tactic — and clearly mark posts as disinfo, they might be useful," he said. But he noted that Facebook "has a history of trying hard not to alienate right-leaning users..." AP

No white voice for characters of colour in The Simpsons

LOS ANGELES

THE Simpsons will no longer use white actors to dub ethnic minority characters, the producers of the long-running animated series said Friday.

The decision includes a recurring character from the series, launched in 1989 — Apu Nahasapeemnettil, a grocer of Indian origin voiced in the American version of the show by white actor Hank Azaria.

The character has long been seen as problematic and conveying racist stereotypes. Last January Azaria announced that, in agreement with producers, he was abandoning the role.

"Moving forward, THE SIMPSONS will no longer have white actors voice non-white characters," Fox Studios said in a statement.

The change will also affect the character of Dr Hibbert, a black man dubbed by the white actor Harry Shearer who also lends his voice to other characters on the series.



The decision includes the character Apu, a grocer of Indian origin

Russia offered Taliban bounty to kill American soldiers: NYT

WASHINGTON

US intelligence has concluded that a Russian unit offered rewards to Taliban-linked militants to kill troops of the US-led coalition in Afghanistan, the *New York Times* reported Friday.

The purported bounties gave incentives to the guerrillas to target US forces, just as President Donald Trump tries to withdraw troops and end America's longest war.

The newspaper, citing anonymous officials, said that Trump was briefed on the findings in March, but has not decided how to respond.

It said that militants were believed to have collected bounty money, but that it was unclear whether specific killings of US troops were under suspicion.

The newspaper quoted a



Taliban spokesman Mohammad Abbas Stanikzai (right) during negotiations held in Moscow last year | AP

Kremlin spokesman saying only that Russia was unaware of the accusations.

Russia has a tortured history in Afghanistan, where the former Soviet Union in its final years was bogged down in a devastating fight against Islamic guerrillas, then backed by Washington.

But Russia has more recently been accused by the United States of quietly providing small arms to the Taliban.

The *New York Times* said

there were different theories on why Russia would support Taliban attacks, including a desire to keep the United States bogged down in war.

It said that the Russian unit may also be seeking revenge over the US killing of Russian mercenaries in Syria, where Moscow backs President Bashar al-Assad.

According to the newspaper, the Taliban operation was led by a unit known as the G.R.U., which has been blamed in numerous international incidents including a 2018 chemical weapons attack in Britain that nearly killed Russian-born double agent Sergei Skripal.

US intelligence concluded that Russia intervened in the 2016 presidential election in a bid to assist Trump, including through manipulation of social media. AFP

ASIA MATTERS

SINGAPORE

Ruling party unveils election manifesto

Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong on Saturday launched his ruling People's Action Party's manifesto for the July 10 general election, promising a slew of initiatives to focus on saving jobs, restarting the economy dented by the coronavirus pandemic and migrant workers welfare. Lee highlighted issues on the top of voters' minds: keeping Singaporeans and migrant workers safe from Covid-19.

SRI LANKA

Cinemas reopen

Sri Lanka reopened cinemas on Saturday as part of the island nation's efforts to return to normalcy following more than two months of lockdown to contain the coronavirus. Patrons are required to wash hands and wear face masks and sit one seat apart.

IMF approves \$365 mn in emergency funds for Myanmar

The International Monetary Fund said Friday it will provide Myanmar with \$356.5 million in emergency funding, as the southeast Asian country battles an economic slump due to the coronavirus pandemic.



AT-RISK POPULATION

Crisologo Enriquez, 85, holds steady as he receives an influenza vaccine shot during a vaccination campaign and Covid-19 testing drive in Lima, Peru | AP

EU unlikely to allow US, Indian visitors

BRUSSELS

EUROPEAN Union envoys are close to finalizing a list of countries whose citizens will be allowed to enter Europe again, possibly from late next week, EU diplomats confirmed Saturday. Americans are almost certain to be excluded in the short term due to the number of US coronavirus cases.

The envoys were expected to have narrowed down later Saturday the exact criteria for countries to make the list, which include the way the spread of the virus is being managed. Another key condition is whether the country has a ban on citizens from European nations.

The number of cases in the United States has surged over



A file photo of people enjoying warm weather on the beach in Barcelona, Spain, earlier this month | AP

the past week, with an all-time high of 45,300 confirmed new daily infections just reached. President Donald Trump also suspended the entry of all people from Europe's ID check-free travel zone in a decree in March.

The EU diplomats confirmed that an official agreement on the criteria — likely to include

a limit on the infection rate per 100,000 citizens — is expected late on Monday or early Tuesday. The diplomats spoke on condition of anonymity because the procedure is ongoing and politically very sensitive.

Infection rates are high in Brazil, India and Russia, and it's unlikely the EU will let their citizens in, either. AP

Hollywood's summer ends with *Mulan*, *Tenet* delayed

LOS ANGELES

EGYPT on Hollywood's hopes for salvaging its summer season have effectively ended after the releases of both Christopher Nolan's *Tenet* and the Walt Disney Co.'s live-action reboot of *Mulan* were again delayed.

With reported cases surging in parts of the US, Disney on Friday followed Warner Bros. in pushing *Mulan* to late August. The film, initially planned to open in March, had been slated for July 24. It's now moving to Aug 21.

Late Thursday, Warner Bros. also postponed *Tenet*, starring John David Washington and Robert Pattinson, from July 31 to Aug 12.

Movie theater chains had planned the widespread reopening of cinemas partially around the return of new releases like *Tenet* and Disney's *Mulan*. The three largest chains in North America had all set a timetable for nationwide reopening in early to mid-July with the aim of first playing catalog movies (including Nolan's own *Inception*) and a smattering of smaller films as a lead-in to summer tentpoles.

But with cases surging in Texas, Arizona and Florida, those plans became uncertain. Rising cases in California forced Disney earlier this week to delay next month's planned reopening of Disneyland in Anaheim. AP



Yifei Liu in the title role of Disney's *Mulan* | DISNEY ENTERPRISES VIA AP



Mary Jo Laupp urged people in a viral TikTok video to book seats but not show up at a campaign rally of Donald Trump | TIKTOK

TikTok Grandma joins Biden after Trump prank

NEW YORK

An American woman who helped turn a Donald Trump rally into a fiasco has been hired by a grassroots organization campaigning for the election of presidential challenger Joe Biden.

Mary Jo Laupp has been

dubbed "TikTok Grandma" since earning fame for her impassioned social media call for opponents of Trump to book out his campaign appearance in Tulsa, Oklahoma last week.

The result was a poorly-attended speech in a stadium filled to less than a third of its capacity despite the president's

re-election team boasting of huge interest ahead of time and more than a million ticket requests.

Laupp's call on the short video sharing platform TikTok has been viewed more than two million times and was boosted by online communities of American fans of South Korea-

an pop music, also known as K-pop.

Biden Digital Coalition codirector Caitlin Gilbert said Friday that the 51-year-old, a mother of four and grandmother of six, had joined her group to help with online campaigning for November's American presidential race. AFP

SHARE OF DIESEL MODELS FALLING

Consumer preference for fuel has high correlation with the pricing gap between them. The share of diesel vehicles was the highest in FY13 when diesel was much cheaper than petrol. However, this has changed as the gap narrowed over the years.



GURBIR SINGH

EVERYONE knows business families feud amongst themselves more than others. Of course it is all about property. It simmers under the surface, and then occasionally breaks out into the open taking people by surprise. The Hinduja family too, with the split now in the open, has followed the same trajectory.

The \$11 billion group has made a mark in India with its three listed companies—Ashok Leyland, the second largest truck maker, IndusInd Bank and lubricant company Gulf Oil. The basis of the dispute goes back to 2014 when the 4 Hinduja brothers—Srichand, Gopichand, Prakash and Ashok—had signed a letter declaring the assets held by one brother would belong to all the others; and that each of them will appoint the others as their executors.

The dispute was triggered when three of the brothers tried to take control of a bank in Switzerland, the Hinduja Bank, promoted solely by Srichand, using the 2014 letter. In retaliation, Srichand Hinduja, and his daughter Vinoo, have moved a London court, seeking a declaration that the letter has no value and praying for its revocation. The next step will be separation of all group assets between the 4 brothers.

There is almost a generic cycle in the separations of business families. When they start as traders and small businessmen, they stick together like glue and are fiercely loyal in times of adversity. The separation usually comes with success and at the end of a cycle of growth when third and fourth generation family members demand a piece of the cake. In the case of the Hinduja, they were first generation traders and merchant bankers headquartered in Iran. The split has come on the agenda when the

Hinduja row highlights need for succession plans



AMIT BANDRE

third and fourth generation has come into its own. The Switzerland-based Hinduja Bank has Shanu Hinduja, the other Srichand daughter as chairperson, and her son Karan has just been inducted as CEO.

Boom bust-ups

The last two decades of corporate history in India have seen a boom in these family separations. Some of them have been peaceful and planned. Others have been messy. Among the quietest and peaceful divisions of family assets was in the Essel (or Zee) Group, where the patriarch Subhash Chandra's presence ensured a stabilizing role. When in 2014, the family separated, Subhash Chandra took the ₹4,000-crore flagship Zee Entertainment Enterprises

(ZEE), while brother Jawahar got Dish TV and Siti Cable, the distribution arms of the group. Ashok Goyal took over theme park Essel World, and Laxmi Goyal's family got Zee News and some other verticals.

Some other separations have not been so cordial. Among the most bitter has been the handing over of the Kolkata-based M P Birla Group by Priyamvada Birla, via a will after she died in 2004, to her chief accountant and co-chairman R S Lodha. More than the loss of assets, the Birlas are peeved seeing their family assets passed on outside the family.

Then there is the genre of business houses which are all happy and well till the father and patriarch rules; but when he dies all hell breaks loose. Typified by the Ambani family

battle triggered in 2002 after father Dhirubhai Ambani died, it was all about leaving without a clear succession plan for his two sons, Anil and Mukesh. The 'ownership issues' came into the open in 2004, but even after mother Kokilaben hammered a family truce in 2005, the fight for control over the vast Reliance assets continued for over a decade till Mukesh worsted Anil Ambani, and established a clear lead.

Succession plans

There's something very 'feudal' about Indian capitalism. After years most companies are still 'family run' and have not evolved into the more efficient corporate capitalism where investment and ownership is independent of professional management. So while

FAMILY MATTERS

3rd India's global rank in number of family-owned firms

\$839 bn m-cap of the 111 largest family-run enterprises

\$11 billion

is the current value of the Hinduja Group, which has three listed firms in India: Ashok Leyland, IndusInd Bank and Gulf Oil.

there are visionary entrepreneurs, the ability to build sustainable organizational structures has not been the best.

A 2018 report by financial services company, Credit Suisse, revealed that India has the third-largest number of family-owned businesses in the world after Germany and China.

Among these the larger 111 companies with a total market capitalization of \$839 billion were family-owned. In this scenario, when family feuds break out, and division of assets is forced between family members, wealth built over decades is wiped out within weeks at the altar of greed.

Thus, crucial to the future of family-run businesses are well-conceived and 'fair' succession plans that chart the division of assets and handing over of management functions from one generation to another. Good succession planning ensures preservation of assets and ensures maximum returns for investors.

It is also a bulwark against depleting court battles and hostile takeover attempts. Family-run corporate groups have in recent years been investing time and money in developing succession plans. But repeated blow-ups, as we have seen in the Hinduja case, show they still have a long way to go.

STAKE SALE

GOVT EXTENDS DEADLINE TO BID FOR AIR INDIA TO AUGUST 31

New Delhi: The government has extended the earlier June 30 deadline to bid for Air India to August 31, since the Covid-19 pandemic and its fallout has disrupted economic activities. The Centre had first initiated the process of inviting bids for a stake sale in the debt-ridden national carrier on January 27 and multiple extensions have since been given due to the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic early this year. Initially, while the bid submission deadline was slated for March 17, this was then extended to April 30 in view of the requests from interested bidders (IBs) and situation arising out of coronavirus.

INSURANCE EXIT

IDBI BANK TO SELL STAKE IN INSURANCE JV TO ITS PARTNERS

New Delhi: IDBI Bank on Saturday said its board has approved the sale of more than half of the bank's 48 per cent stake in IDBI Federal Life Insurance Co Ltd (IFLI) to current joint venture partners for ₹595 crore. In a regulatory filing, IDBI Bank said it will sell 23 per cent stake to Ageas Insurance International NV and 4 per cent to Federal Bank. After the deal, the Belgian insurer Ageas stake in IFLI will increase to 49 per cent, while Federal Bank's stake would go up to 30 per cent. Post the planned stake sale, IDBI Bank will have only a 21 per cent stake in IFLI. The transaction values the life insurer at around ₹2,200 crore.

Carlyle Group to buy 20% in Piramal Pharma

Value of investment from Carlyle would stand at around \$490 million, or ₹3,705 cr

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

US-BASED investment firm Carlyle Group is all set to buy a 20 per cent stake in Piramal group-owned drug manufacturer: Piramal Pharma.

According to a joint statement from Ajay Piramal-led Piramal Enterprises and the Carlyle Group, the transaction values Piramal Pharma at an enterprise value of \$2.775 billion (\$20,980 crore) and the value of the investment from Carlyle for the 20 per cent stake would be around \$490 million, or around ₹3,705 crore.

"... CA Clover Intermediate II Investments, an affiliated entity of CAP V Mauritius Ltd, an investment fund managed and advised by affiliated entities of The Carlyle Group Inc has agreed to invest fresh equity capital for a 20 per cent stake in Piramal Pharma Ltd...", the statement said, adding that the capital raised from the sale would be used to accelerate Piramal Pharma's organic and inorganic growth plans going forward.

While the enterprise value has been pegged at \$2.775 billion, this also includes an upside component of up to \$360 million (over ₹2,720 crore) based on the company's FY21 performance. However, the equity capital investment has been pegged after excluding the upside component to arrive at \$490 million (around ₹3,705 crore).

The final amount of equity investment will depend on the net debt, exchange rate and performance against the pre-agreed conditions at the time of closing of the deal, with is expected to happen before the end of 2020.

After the deal, group holding firm Piramal Enterprises



ENTERPRISE VALUE

While the enterprise value has been pegged at \$2.775 billion, this also includes an upside component of up to \$360 million (over ₹2,720 crore) depending on the company's FY21 performance

will be left with an 80 per cent stake. "This is an affirmation of the strength of our ability to build new, attractive and scalable businesses with a significant runway for continued organic growth and opportunities for consolidation," Piramal Enterprises Chairman Ajay Piramal said, adding that the investment will provide the company with a war chest for the next phase of its growth.

"This fresh growth investment into our pharma business will be used as growth capital for the pharma businesses to expand capacity across our sites as well as to tap attractive acquisition opportunities within and outside India. In the interim, the proceeds from this capital raise may also enable us to further strengthen our balance sheet through deleveraging in the near term," said Nandini Piramal, Executive Director of Piramal Enterprises. "Given global pharma industry trends, we see attractive opportunities for organic as well as inorganic growth in each of (Piramal Pharma's) businesses," noted Carlyle Asia Partners advisory team managing director Neeraj Bharadwaj.

Infosys plans to introduce permanent Work From Home model for staff

BISMAH MALIK @ Bengaluru

WITH nearly 93 per cent of its 2,40,000 employees having been able to work from home (WFH) within the first few weeks of COVID crisis, Information Technology (IT) services major Infosys said that it will focus on introducing a 'flexible work from home model' for its employees permanently.

Infosys Chief Operating Officer (COO) U B Pravin Rao told the shareholders during the 39th Annual General Meeting on Saturday that the WFH model has not impacted the productivity of the employees so far and depending on the client requirements and the projects, a flexible WFH option for the employees will be introduced.

Rival Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) had earlier said that it is looking at 75 per cent of its employee base (4.48 lakh) to permanently WFH by 2025.

Infosys Chairman, Nandan Nilekani said in his address

PRODUCTIVITY

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that the IT services provider has been able to tide over the global crisis triggered by the Covid-19 pandemic. He said that much of it has been possible due to the efforts of nearly 93 per cent of its 2,40,000 employees across 46 countries, who had made it possible within a few weeks.

"Our remote access infrastructure was expanded 10x for virtual private network bandwidth and back-end capacity scaled by 4x to support the increase in concurrent connected remote users," Nilekani said.

Infosys CEO Salil Parekh

said that the IT services firm has a strong \$3.6 billion balance sheet due to healthy deal signings and increase in the digital revenues.

The IT major's company's standalone revenues grew by 8.1 per cent in FY20 to ₹79, 047 crore. 97.4 per cent were export revenues whereas 2.6 per cent were domestic revenues. 39 per cent of the company's revenues came from digital services and solutions, according to the annual report.

Regarding the contentious H-1B visa ban, Parekh said that the company has launched localisation components to build more resilient businesses in different geographies in order to navigate better with changing visa regulations.

"More than 60 per cent of our workforce in the US comprises of locals," Rao added. Infosys also announced that it has surpassed its Spring 2017 commitment to hire 10,000 American workers.

TAKING THE E-HIGHWAY

Hyundai expects digital channel to drive a fifth of all sales

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

THE country's second largest carmaker Hyundai Motor India Ltd (HMIL) expects the share of its digital sales channel in total domestic sales to increase from single low digits presently to over 20 per cent in the future. The carmaker had launched its online platform 'Click to Buy' in March.

While the first month's response was lukewarm, the exponential spread of the Covid-19 pandemic and subsequent lockdowns has resulted in a huge spike in website traffic.

"In the month of March we only had 3,000 visitors but in April we witnessed a huge hike of 4 lakh visitors. So far we have seen 10 lakh visits on the platform and 18,000 registrations. Out of 10 customers who register themselves, one is a sure buyer," Brijesh Gubbi Suresh—AVP & Group Head—New Business Strategy at Hyundai said.

He adds, "Physical outlets at present account for 95 per cent of total domestic sales and will continue to dominate in future, but their

share is expected to come down to 70-80 per cent." Suresh believes that there are customers who would want to buy cars online post the Covid-19 era and that HMIL has to be ready. "90 per cent of buyers do online research before buying a car. Now they have started to believe in e-commerce to make purchases," he noted.

It isn't just Hyundai

who is going digital route. Almost all carmakers, including Maruti Suzuki, Toyota Kirloskar, Volkswagen and Mahindra & Mahindra, have ramped up their daily digital sales channels to make car-buying a human-free and seamless experience. Most carmakers have also tied up with financial institutions to offer financial options. However, Hyundai feels that

the growing participation of digital channels is unlikely to impact the business of dealer partners. "This was a big concern for the dealers when we first launched it. Dealers are the most important part of our ecosystem and we have explained to them that this channel is meant to connect them with the buyers... In India we cannot impact the structure we have built," Suresh said.

As for the overall market, Hyundai believes that the market would see some revival in the festive season and is likely to normalise early next year.

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Business & Beyond

TPCODL establishes Power System Control Centre (PSCC) at Bhubaneswar



Distribution System Operation & Control Centre by every Distribution Licensee, a Power System Control Centre (PSCC) was inaugurated by Nikunja Bihari Dhal, Principal Secretary, DoE, Government of Odisha.

Tata Power Central Odisha Distribution Ltd (TPCODL), a joint venture between Tata Power Company and the Government of Odisha, has taken over the operations of the erstwhile CESU with effect from June 1, 2020. In line with the Odisha Grid Code 2015 which required establishment of a

Ashwani Kumar joins as first Zonal Head of PNB, Bhubaneswar

Ashwani Kumar has assumed the charge as Zonal Manager (ZM) of Punjab National Bank, Bhubaneswar Zone under which there will be 5 circles and 371 branches spanning across the state of Odisha. He is the first Zonal Head of the amalgamated ZO of the merged entity, Punjab National Bank, the country's second largest bank. Sri Kumar hails from e-OBC.



Damodar Valley Corporation comes first in NHP rankings

DVC has stood first in the latest rankings of the National Hydrology Project. The rankings for May 2020 were released by the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation. 33 surface and ground water agencies in the States, Union Territories and river basin organisations were ranked on the basis of assessment of annual rainfall and water flow in rivers, real-time data collection, conduct of various training programmes and data digitisation.

Parcel express trains to run between KSR Bengaluru and Howrah from June 26

It has been decided to run a Tri-weekly Time Tabled Parcel Express Trains between Howrah-KSR Bengaluru-Howrah leaving Howrah on every Sunday, Wednesday and Friday beginning from June 28, 2020 and leaving KSR Bengaluru on every Friday, Monday and Wednesday starting June 26. The service of this Parcel Express train from Howrah will continue till January 1, 2021, the South Eastern Railway said. Howrah-KSR Bengaluru Parcel Express (00616) will leave Howrah at 11.00 hrs and will reach KSR Bengaluru at 02.30 hrs on third day.



Young off-spinner Amar Viridi remains confident of cutting through the competition and earning a place in England team for the three-Test series against West Indies, from July 8. The 21-year-old Sikh has to vie with Jack Leach, Dom Bess, Matt Parkinson and Moeen Ali to get into the squad. "I definitely want to be play in the first Test, or at least be in the squad."

'DC AND BFC'S REVENUE MAY SUFFER'

JSW Sports CEO **Mustafa Ghouse** feels cash flow could reduce after pandemic, but no team will be pulled out

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN
@Chennai

ONE of the direct consequences of the coronavirus pandemic is the suspension of sporting events across the globe. Even if parts of Europe and Oceania are slowly welcoming back live sports, the sustained increase in cases in India means the country is nowhere close to hosting live events.

Any other year, JSW Sports, the sports arm of the JSW Group, would have been busy preparing for the Pro Kabaddi League (PKL) after two months of Indian Premier League with Delhi Capitals. This year? There is no clarity with respect to when these events will happen. In an interview to this daily, Mustafa Ghouse, the CEO of JSW Sports, talks about the unprecedented year, the possible loss of revenue, having to shelve expansion plans and the remote possibility of having an IPL. Excerpts:

JSW Sports owns or holds majority stakes in three teams (Delhi Capitals in IPL, Bengaluru FC in ISL and Haryana Steelers in PKL). How has the period been for you?

We went into lockdown. That whole window has passed. Usually, post that is when we begin our kabaddi preparations. We still don't have clarity over that. Over the last couple of years, we have built a portfolio that keeps us busy 12 months a year. In that aspect, it's been challenging like in most other sectors.

With the sports industry in turmoil, is it possible that JSW Sports could scale back operations in the three teams?

We are committed to these teams and the leagues. Scaling back would be in terms of any expansion or any new plans that we have. That would be the extent of the scaling back. We are not going to pull out of these leagues in any shape or form.

When sports return in India, do you think it will have a vastly different feel to it?

I think so. When we (sports industry) return, the first will be to see how we can get back to playing, even if it's going to be behind closed doors... people are talking about tweaking formats, logistical requirements and so on. Yes, we will see a pretty big change like we are seeing across all industries. You can see how sport is happening in some countries, in Europe it's happening without



fans. In New Zealand, fans have started filling up stadia. I guess we will have to see where India fits in to all of this. We are a unique country with unique challenges, so we have to carve out our own path to replicate what's happening in other places.

You spoke about a behind-closed-doors scenario. You are closely involved in the day-to-day functioning of the Capitals. What have you told them with respect to IPL in 2020?

We are in constant touch with players, tracking them, looking at whatever is possible right

now, with regard to fitness programmes, niggles and rehab... things that can be dealt with remotely. We are seeing that some of our players are going out to start training. With regards to what we tell them, I mean... whatever information we get, we pass it on internally to the coaching staff and the players. Right now, till there is anything formally announced or a formal decision taken, we can't really say much.

How big a blow will be the loss of revenue?

The TV revenue will still come in, gate revenue is something that everybody will have to take a hit on. To some extent, there will be a hit on the sponsorship market as well, at least that's how we see things. Those are the elements that we have to be prepared for. For all the leagues, the major chunk (of revenue) comes from central rights and the TV money.

Can you give a ballpark figure for the losses in a doomsday scenario in which there is no sport in India in 2020?

Things work differently in different leagues. Let's take kabaddi as an example, the fixed cost is not much. You will have revenue losses which would be a total of your central

rights, sponsorships and gate receipts. But until the auction happens and you pick a team... we don't have any players on our roster now. So we are not liable to be paying any one. If the season doesn't happen, we don't pay any players. It's a similar scenario but not that easy to explain with regards to IPL. You don't have certain liabilities till the league is actually announced and schedules are put in place.

But there also, you do take pay cuts on revenue with no money coming from sponsors and gates. Football is the tricky one because you have players with longer contracts. However, from all the conversations we have had with the league, we are confident of it (ISL) happening later in the year. Also, there is precedence of football starting everywhere.

From your periodic conversations with stakeholders, what's your view on the IPL versus the T20 World Cup? It looks likely that the former could yet take place...

There seems to be a lot more conversation heading in that direction. We were hoping that some decisions would be made in the last ICC meeting or in the meeting before last. It sounds like that but we have to wait and watch.

TARGET LOCKED

Training under mom's watch with Oly in mind

AYANTAN CHOWDHURY @ New Delhi

FOR Padma Shri Bombayla Devi Laishram, life has come a full circle during the coronavirus pandemic. Just like during her formative years, the recurve archer has been training under her mother in Imphal during the lockdown. And as the 35-year-old put it, her mother still keeps her on her toes!

After the pandemic forced the AAI to stop the archery national camp, Bombayla decided to go back home for some well earned rest. But her mother, M Jamini Devi, who is a local coach there, made sure her daughter kept sharpening her skills with whatever equipment was at their disposal. When she was young, Jamini made sure her daughter never quit the sport, an important part of their identity.



She (Jamini, mother) always kept pushing me in my initial days and was one of the major driving forces in my career. Even now, she makes sure my skills remain sharp!

Bombayla Devi, India archer

"She always kept pushing me in my initial days and was one of the major driving forces in my career. Even now, she makes sure my skills remain sharp! Short distance shooting (10m) is what is possible here and along with my sister, we have kept practicing here. She has ensured I remain physically and mentally fit while also following a strict diet!"

In a stellar career spanning almost fifteen years, Bombayla has won pretty much everything except for that elusive Olympic medal. And she is determined to end that drought. With the women's team yet to secure a quota place, there is a lot to accomplish for the Commonwealth Games gold medalist. And that is why she feels training should be resumed as soon as possible albeit with safety measures in place.

"Safety is obviously important. Pune was not safe as we had to be accommodated outside the ASI premises. Any centre with in-house accommodation will be ideal. But we need to resume practice soon. The men's

team already have got the quota so we (women's team) need to work extra hard. All of us have to train together and keep pushing each other so that we qualify for Tokyo. Hopefully, we can get a clearer picture in the days to come," she added.

AAI have been planning a complete domestic calendar with nationals, national ranking meets and selection trials. The only thing archers require is prior intimation and a safe environment and they will be good to go, according to the 13-time World Cup medalist. "Hopefully, we will be informed well in advance so that mentally we will be ready to give our best. A bit of time will be required for all of us to get back to speed and then we can give our best. Any SAI centre or even Tata Academy in Jamshedpur are decent choices for hosting the camp."

EXPRESS READ

Pakistan to leave for England today

KARACHI: Pakistan's cricket team will leave for its tour of England on Sunday without 10 players who tested positive for coronavirus at least once this week, the country's cricket board said. PCB chief executive Wasim Khan said the players left behind can rejoin the squad of 18 players once they have taken two negative tests. Pakistan's tour of England is set to include three Tests and three T20Is.

Senior pros motivated us, says Lalremsiami

NEW DELHI: Women's hockey team striker Lalremsiami says skipper Rani and Savita played a big role in keeping the players motivated during their over two-and-a-half month's confinement at the SAI South Centre in Bengaluru. "Had it not been for seniors in the team like Rani and Savita, it would have been difficult for us (...)," said Lalremsiami.

Session on mental health for core lifters

NEW DELHI: The Indian Weightlifting Federation on Saturday conducted an online session on mental health for all core group senior (men and women) national campers at the NIS Patiala and discussed ways to tackle the problem during the Covid-19 pandemic. Counselling psychologist from Delhi, Dr Anjuman Bains was the expert speaker.

RACISM ROW

Hami hits back at ex-F1 boss Bernie

AFP @ Paris

FORMULA One champion Lewis Hamilton has criticised 'ignorant and uneducated' comments by former F1 boss Bernie Ecclestone. The six-time world champion is the only 'black' driver in F1. Ecclestone's claimed in a recent interview that 'in lots of cases, black people are more racist' than white people.

"Damn, I just don't even know where to start on this one ... so sad and disappointing to read these comments," Hamilton posted on Instagram. "This is exactly what is wrong, ignorant and uneducated comments which show us how far we as a society need to go before real equality can happen."

Ecclestone made his assertion when he was asked his opinion on Hamilton setting up a commission to increase diversity in motorsport. "I don't think it's going to do anything bad or good for Formula One. It will just make people think, which is more important," Ecclestone replied.

"People ought to think a little bit and say 'what the hell', somebody's not the same as white people and that black people should think the same about white people. Because I think in lots of cases, black people are more racist than what white people are." Challenged to give evidence, Ecclestone replied: "Things over

the years I've noticed and there's no need for it."

Hamilton recently attended a Black Lives Matter march in London. He has spoken widely about racism in recent weeks after saying he felt 'so much anger, sadness and disbelief' following the killing of George Floyd. "Lewis is a little bit special. First he's very, very talented as a driver and he seems to be now extremely talented when he's standing up making speeches," Ecclestone said.

"This last campaign he's doing for the black people is wonderful. He's doing a great job and it's people (who are) easily recognizable that people listen to."

Hamilton has spoken of abuse he received throughout his career, dating back to junior days in karting. In 2008 he was racially abused by fans at the Spanish Grand Prix. Some blacked up their faces while wearing black wigs and T-shirts with 'Hamilton Family' written on them.

Ecclestone insisted Hamilton had never discussed this, and was surprised Hamilton took offense. "Well, he knows people have been against him because he said they have, but I'm surprised that it concerns him even," Ecclestone said.

Ecclestone was evasive about whether he should have done more to condemn those incidents, given that he was in charge. "I think I did behind the scenes a little bit," he said. "What else could you do?"

This (Bernie's comments) is exactly what is wrong, ignorant and uneducated comments which show us how far we as a society need to go before real equality can happen.

Lewis Hamilton, Six-time F1 champ

Juve thrash Lecce 4-0

AFP @ Turin

JUVENTUS moved seven points clear at the top of Serie A on Friday after hammering struggling Lecce 4-0 in Turin and piling the pressure on title rivals Lazio. A superb Paulo Dybala strike and Cristiano Ronaldo's penalty just after the hour mark made sure of the result at the Allianz Stadium before two late strikes from Gonzalo Higuain and Matthijs de Ligt completed the rout against a Lecce team who had to play for an hour with 10 men.

Wolves rise to 5th spot in PL

BIRMINGHAM: Nuno Espirito Santo backed Wolves to step up their bid to qualify for the Champions League after Leander Dendoncker sealed a 1-0 win at Aston Villa that lifted them into fifth place in the Premier League on Saturday.

Nuno's side made it three successive victories since the Premier League restart thanks to Dendoncker's clinical finish in the second half.



Juventus' Cristiano Ronaldo (No 7) in action against Lecce at the Allianz Stadium in Turin. Ronaldo set up two goals and converted a penalty during the Serie A contest | AP

Fraternity divided over resumption of cricket in England

ASHOK VENUGOPAL @ Chennai

CRICKETERS, both current and former, are a divided lot as far as England and Wales Cricket Board's (ECB's) decision of hosting series against the West Indies and Pakistan is concerned. With a bunch of Pakistan players testing positive, those who are against the decision insisted that the English board could have waited for a couple of months for the situation to come under control.

However, there are a few players who argued that the ECB was not responsible for

the Pakistan cricketers contracting the virus and cricket should resume.

"I think ECB has gone in a bit too early to have a Test series against the West Indies and Pakistan," said former India pacer Tinu Yohannan. "The situation is not good across the globe. Almost a third of PCB's 29-man squad are positive, which means the situation is volatile. There is a big possibility of the virus spreading. Welfare and health of cricketers, be

they from England or any other country, is important. ECB should have waited for the situation to get better."

"Had ECB kept the series in September or October, the researchers could have come up with a vaccine. Life is more important than sport."

Parthiv Patel, however, came to ECB's defence, insisting that they would have not gone ahead without obtaining the requisite permission of the government. "ECB must have discussed the situation

with the government. Only after the clearance from the government and various other agencies, the ECB must have gone ahead with its plans to organise the series. I firmly believe that the British government is the only authority in the right position to decide whether it is safe to play in England or not," said Patel.

A few former players also believed that those who are playing the series may be under mental stress due to the fear of getting infected but Patel opined otherwise. "All the players are professionals. They

should have weighed the pros and cons before agreeing to tour. Plus ECB is having the entire series in a bio-secure atmosphere. So I think if one follows the protocols, there is no need to worry too much," added the Gujarat captain.

Former Australian cricketer Mike Hussey too echoed Patel's sentiments and backed the ECB. "It is good that England is trying to organise some cricket by creating a bio-safe environment for players and officials to safely resume the sport. It is time that we try to start resumption of sports," opined Hussey.



Parthiv Patel

LOOKING AHEAD

Global sport has been almost entirely shut down since March. Things are slowly beginning to return to life. There is a host of postponed events still to be fitted in this year. While uncertainty surrounds many of them, it promises an unusually crowded calendar for the rest of the year. Here is the revised calendar for September-October 2020...



27-Oct 11: Tennis. French Open, originally scheduled May 24-June 7
29-30: Football. UEFA Champions League play-off 2nd legs

OCTOBER

1: Football. Europa League play-offs; Champions League group-stage draw (Athens)
1-4: Golf. European Tour, Alfred Dunhill Links Championship, Camouille, St Andrews
2: Football. Europa League group-stage draw

11: MotoGP. French Grand Prix (Le Mans), originally scheduled May 17



12-18: Athletics. Chicago Marathon
12-18: Tennis. WTA at Beijing
15-18: Golf. US PGA Tour CJ Cup Jeju Island (South Korea); Buick LPGA (Shanghai, China)
17: Athletics. World Half Marathon, Gdynia (Poland), originally scheduled Mar 29
18: Athletics. Diamond League China, venue TBA, originally scheduled May 9

18: Athletics. Paris Marathon, originally scheduled Apr 5

19-25: Tennis. WTA at Wuhan
20-21: Football. Champions League group stage matchday 1
20-26: Badminton. New Zealand Open (Auckland), originally scheduled Apr 28-May 3
22: Football. Europa League group stage matchday 1
22-25: Golf. US PGA Tour, Zozo Championship, Chiba (Japan)
25: MotoGP. Teruel Grand Prix (Spain), added event
25-27: Golf. Ryder Cup, Whistling Straits (Wisconsin)
27-28: Football. UEFA Champions League group stage matchday 2
29: Football. Europa League group stage matchday 2

CRICKET EVENTS SUBJECT TO SITUATION, EXCLUDED FROM LIST

WORLD SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER

1: Cricket. England v Pakistan 3rd T20I in Southampton, originally scheduled Sept 2
1-6: Badminton. Taipei Open
2: Athletics. Lausanne Diamond League, originally scheduled Aug 20
3: Football. Start of UEFA Nations League group phase
4: Athletics. Brussels Diamond League
4-7: Golf. US PGA Tour Championship, Atlanta (Georgia), originally scheduled Aug 27-30
6: Formula 1. Italian Grand Prix (Monza)
6: Athletics. Paris Diamond League



originally scheduled June 13
7-13: Tennis. WTA meet at Istanbul
8-13: Tennis. ATP meet at Kitzbuehel
10: American Football. NFL begins
10-13: Golf. Asian Tour restarts after six-month hiatus with Shinhan Donghae Open, Incheon, South Korea
12: Football. Spanish La Liga begins
13: Football. Dutch League begins
13: MotoGP. San Marino Grand Prix (Misano, Italy)
13-20: Tennis. ATP & WTA at Madrid, originally scheduled May 4-10
15-16: Football. UEFA Champions League 3rd qualifying round
15-20: Badminton. China Open (Changzhou)
17-20: Golf. US Open, Mamaroneck (New York), originally scheduled June 18-21
17: Football. UEFA Europa League 2nd qualifying round
18: Athletics. Rome Diamond League, originally scheduled May 28
19: Athletics. Shanghai Diamond League,

GENE-EDITING MAY RESTORE VISION LOSS

New approach to specific mutations aim to treat diseases that cause childhood blindness

BREAKTHROUGHS

WASHINGTON: In recent months, even as our attention has been focused on the coronavirus outbreak, there have been a slew of scientific breakthroughs in treating diseases that cause blindness.

Researchers at US-based Editas Medicine and Ireland-based Allergan have administered CRISPR for the first time to a person with a genetic disease. This landmark treatment uses the CRISPR approach to a specific mutation in a gene linked to childhood blindness. The mutation affects the functioning of the light-sensing compartment of the eye, called the retina, and leads to loss of the light-sensing cells.

Clustered regularly interspaced short palindromic repeats or CRISPR is one of the many tools for editing genomes that allows researchers to alter DNA sequences and modify gene function.

Children suffering from the disease Leber congenital amaurosis Type 10 endure progressive vision loss beginning as early as one year old.

A treatment method developed simultaneously by groups at University of Pennsylvania and at University College London and Moorefields Eye Hospital involved inserting a healthy copy of the mutated gene directly into the space between the retina and the retinal pigmented epithelium.

This gene helped the retinal pigmented epithelium cell produce the missing protein that is dysfunctional in patients.

Although the treated eyes showed vision improvement, as measured by the patient's ability to navigate an obstacle course at differing light levels, it is not a permanent fix.

Gene therapy involves inserting the correct copy of a gene into cells that have a mistake in the genetic sequence of that gene, recovering the normal function of the protein in the cell. The eye is an ideal organ for testing new therapeutic approaches, including CRISPR.

That is because the eye is the most exposed part of our brain and thus is easily accessible.

Scientists at Editas Medicine showed safety and proof of the concept of the CRISPR strategy in cells extracted from patient skin biopsy and in non-human primate animals. These studies led to the formulation of the first ever in human CRISPR gene therapeutic clinical trial.

This Phase 1 and Phase 2 trial will assess the safety and efficacy of the CRISPR therapy in 18 Leber congenital amaurosis Type 10 patients.

The patients receive a dose of the therapy while under anesthesia when the retina surgeon uses a scope, needle and syringe to inject the CRISPR enzyme and nucleic acids into the back of the eye near the photoreceptors.

NOT NEW

Dust storms from Africa's Saharan Desert traveling across the Atlantic Ocean are nothing new

But the current dust storm has been quite expansive and satellites have provided a look at the massive plume

BREATHING ISSUES

Conditions over the Cuban capital Havana are expected to worsen

Experts fear the cloud is likely to "increase respiratory and allergic conditions"

In the US, Miami's health department have advised people with respiratory problems to stay home

WORST IN A DECADE

Weather forecasters for the French Caribbean islands of Guadeloupe and Martinique warned residents that the area was suffering its worst haze in at least a decade

DUST FROM FAR AWAY

Powered by strong winds, dust from the Sahara travels across the Atlantic Ocean from West Africa during spring

1 The very dry air dilutes the humidity whose condensation forms the fuel of tropical storms

HOW SAHARAN DUST IMPACTS ATLANTIC HURRICANES

2 Upper-level winds that carry these plumes blow more strongly than winds at the surface. This variation in wind speed, known as wind shear, blows the tops off of thunderstorms before they can become organized into bigger systems

3 Dust plumes reflect and scatter tropical sunlight, reducing the tropical sun's evaporating power and starving storms of their moisture

Image shows Downtown Houston being covered in Saharan dust as the cloud moves over parts of Texas | AP



EXFILE

American skies turn dark as Saharan dust moves in

Last week, a massive cloud of Saharan dust darkened much of Cuba and affected the air quality in Florida, sparking warnings to people with respiratory illnesses to stay home. The dust cloud swept across the Atlantic from Africa covering Puerto Rico last Sunday and hitting south Florida on Wednesday. We take a look

HARMFUL ELEMENTS IN THE DUST

Experts say the dust clouds are loaded with material that is "highly harmful to human health"

Minerals such as iron, calcium, phosphorous, silicon and mercury are in the dust

The clouds also carry "viruses, bacteria, fungi, pathogenic mites, staphylococci and organic pollutants"

WHY IS IT HARMFUL?

Where the plume mingles with showers or thunderstorms, downdrafts may carry desert dust to Earth's surface

This will impair air quality and could trigger allergic reactions and asthma attacks

IMPORTANCE IN MAINTAINING ECOSYSTEM

Desert dust is an important source of nutrients for downwind ecosystems, both in the ocean and on land

Soluble iron in the dust helps some species of algae in surface waters to thrive

The dust also contains phosphorus, which is critical to the growth of tropical forests in Central and South America



SATELLITE IMAGERY

NASA and NOAA's Suomi NPP satellite showed the blanket of dust had moved over the Gulf of Mexico and extended into Central America and over part of the eastern Pacific Ocean

Suomi NPP is a weather satellite

Virus-attacking cells identified in Covid-19 patients

IMMUNE RESPONSE

LOS ANGELES: Patients suffering from severe respiratory symptoms due to the novel coronavirus infection can rapidly generate an immune response in the form of virus-attacking T cells, suggests a new study which may lead to new vaccine development strategies against Covid-19.

The study, published in the journal *Science Immunology*, assessed T cells from 10 Covid-19 patients under intensive care treatment.

According to the researchers, including those from the University of California, two out of 10 healthy individuals without prior exposure to the virus also harboured SARS-CoV-2-reactive T cells. Based on this observation, they said these T cells may be cross-reacting to the novel coronavirus due to past infection with related coronaviruses that cause common cold symptoms.

The findings address the poorly understood question of whether SARS-CoV-2-specific T cell responses vary in patients over time depending on disease severity.

The researchers said the study may help understand whether patients with more severe symptoms can generate protective virus-specific T cells at all, and offer clues regarding the cells responsible for excessive immune responses which has led to the deaths of many Covid-19 patients.

For the research, scientists extracted blood cells from 10 patients at weekly intervals starting soon after they were admitted to the ICU for Covid-19.

The scientists then exposed these cells to "megapools" of known SARS-CoV-2 protein components in a technique meant to capture a large fraction of total viral

reactive T cells.

Researchers found that SARS-CoV-2-specific CD4+ helper T cells were active in all 10 patients, and CD8+ "killer" T cells were present in 8 out of 10 patients.

On screening all patients at 0, 7, and 14 days after inclusion in the study revealed that SARS-CoV-2-specific T cells were present relatively early during the course of infection, and increased in these patients over time.



Musk calls Bezos copycat

FINGER POINTING

Tesla CEO Elon Musk has called Amazon founder and CEO Jeff Bezos a copycat after the ecommerce giant announced to purchase self-driving car company Zoox pegged at over \$1 billion. "@JeffBezos is a copy[cat] haha," Musk tweeted with a link to an article about Bezos' Zoox purchase. Earlier this month, Elon Musk has slammed Bezos, saying it is time to break up the Amazon and end its monopoly. Musk mocked Bezos' Moon plans last year, saying they make no sense. Bezos had described his vision of humans living on miles-long, orbiting space stations called "O'Neill colonies", named after physicist Gerard O'Neill, who first floated the concept.

Apple exposes TikTok reading user clipboards

PRIVACY INVASION

SAN FRANCISCO: Chinese short-video making app TikTok has announced it would no longer automatically access user clipboards on Apple iPhones after iOS 14 in Beta exposed apps constantly reading user clipboards.

TikTok told *The Telegraph* that it would stop "snooping on users' clipboards after iPhone update shows app constantly reads copied text".

"A security patch from Apple has suddenly exposed just how many smartphone apps are reading users' clipboards every time they are on screen," said the report.

In iOS 14 Beta, one of these features is a new banner alert that lets users know if an app is pasting from the clipboard.

This has exposed the behaviour of some popular apps like TikTok as annoyed users who upgraded to iOS 14 Beta went on social media with such complaints.

"For TikTok, this was triggered by a feature designed to identify repetitive, spammy behaviour. We have already submitted an updated version of the

app to the App Store removing the anti-spam feature to eliminate any potential confusion," the Chinese company said in a statement.

According to the report, other apps that read the iOS clipboard include AccuWeather, Call of Duty Mobile and even Google News. iOS 14 is limited to developers now and the company plans to release a public beta version next month ahead of the launch later this year. In iOS 14, all apps will now be required to obtain user permission before tracking.

Later this year, App Store product pages will feature summaries of developers' self-reported privacy practices, displayed in a simple, easy-to-understand format.

In February 2019, the company paid \$5.7 million to the Federal Trade Commission over alleged violations of COPPA, a children's privacy law, *The Verge* reported.

The app allowed children under 13 years old to sign up for the app without parental consent. Since then the China-based app has increased parental controls, following criticism across the world.



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Five-fold growth of forest fires in Siberia

GLOBAL WARMING

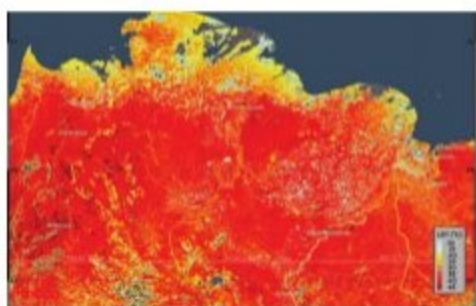
MOSCOW: Russia's forest fire aerial protection service says forest fires in Siberia have grown nearly five-fold over the past week.

The fires come amid a notable heat wave in parts of the sprawling region. A high temperature of 38 degrees Celsius was reported a week ago in the town of Verkhoyansk. If the reading is confirmed, it would be the hottest day ever recorded in the Arctic.

According to figures reported Saturday by Avialesokhrana, Russia's agency for aerial forest fire management, 1.15 million hectares were burning in Siberia in areas that cannot be reached by firefighters.

The worst-hit area is the Sakha Republic, where Verkhoyansk is located, with 9,29,000 hectares burning.

As long ago as the 1890s, scientists predicted that increasing levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere would



lead to a warming planet, particularly in the Arctic, where the loss of reflective snow and sea ice would further warm the region.

Climate models have consistently pointed to "Arctic amplification" emerging as greenhouse gas concentrations increase.

The Arctic is warming at roughly twice the rate of the globe as a whole. When extreme heat waves like this one strike, it stands out to everyone.

Arctic heat waves are more frequent than they used to be.

Western Siberia recorded its hottest spring on record this year, according to the EU's Copernicus Earth Observation Program, and that unusual heat isn't expected to end soon.

The Arctic Climate Forum has forecast above-average temperatures across the majority of the Arctic through at least August.

Heat waves are related to unusual jet stream patterns, and the Siberian heat wave is no different. A persistent northward swing of the jet stream has placed the area under what meteorologists call a "ridge."

When the jet stream swings northward like this, it allows warmer air into the region, raising the surface temperature. Some scientists expect rising global temperatures to influence the jet stream.

The jet stream is driven by temperature contrasts. As the Arctic warms more quickly, these contrasts shrink, and the jet stream can slow.